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County weighs building options

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

County officials plan to take a presentation to the public on the potential to relocate county offices after narrowing down potential sites.

Crawford County Commissioners discussed a proposal to relocate the county building last week.

Officials have been studying the option to sell property where the jail and county offices are located for the last several months.

Bill Gannon, the owner of Gannon Broadcasting, has offered to buy the county property in hopes of developing it along with the former Fred Bear Archery property.

Gannon and county officials hope to open up land along the AuSable River to the public and extend Michigan Avenue out to M-72 to spur economic development in the downtown area.

"It may take the county to take the first step to make it happen," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of

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'EGGCITING HATCH'



Photos by Dan Sanderson
This baby emu, which was hatched from an egg last week, is the latest addition at the Wellington Farm Park. The emu was 11 inches tall at birth. The father of the emu sat on its nest and the baby emu thinks that Gloria Taylor, wife of Wellington Farm Park owner Howard Taylor, is its mother since she is caring for the bird.

Spring wildfire season is here

State wildfire officials want to remind Michigan citizens that the spring wildfire season has begun. The return of warm, windy weather has already led to numerous wildfires across southern and central portions of the state.

"Camping season is upon us and spring cleanup tasks are underway, with large amounts of branches, dead grass and leaves requiring disposal," said Paul Kollmeyer, Department of Natural Resources coordinator for law enforcement/fire prevention. "There is always a risk of starting a wildfire with campfires or when conducting outdoor burning, and smoke is also a nuisance and creates unhealthy air."

Wildfire officials are urging citizens to use caution with all outdoor fires and consider alternate, safer disposal methods such as chipping and mulching. Wood chips can be used in landscaping and mulch enriches the soil, Kollmeyer said.

If burning debris is necessary, citizens should first obtain a burn permit. The State Forest
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DONOR BUDDIES OFFER EDUCATION, SUPPORT

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling teen Meng Xiong is looking for a new Buddy.

Xiong, 16, and his family learned that he had a problem with his kidney when he was 3-years old. The boy was fortunate to receive a kidney donation in December, 2000, but that organ is now failing him and he is back on the transplant list.

"I am hoping to get a new kidney as soon as possible," Xiong said.

Xiong paid a visit to the Buddy Day observance held at the Grayling Secretary of State Branch Office on Monday to pick up some information regarding organ donation.

Buddy Day is a joint effort aimed at highlighting the critical need for organ donations sponsored by the Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank.

Buddies have either received a transplant, are waiting for one, are the family and friends of a recipient or donor or are organ donor supporters.

Buddy Donors were on hand at Secretary of State offices across the state Monday to hand out information on organ dona-

tion and to sign people up for the donor registry program.

Among the Buddy Donors on hand in Grayling were Bill Smith, Jerry Cogger and Terri Lasby.

Smith of Grayling received a heart transplant 16 years ago.

Smith said that he would have never got to know his great grand daughter and 11 grand children if he had not received a heart from a 17-year-old Lansing man who was critically injured in an automobile accident.

"People have a lot of misconceptions about organ donation but it really does work," Smith said. "It sure beats the alternative - I think."

Cogger of Gaylord received a liver and heart transplant eight years ago because he had a disease that destroyed his organs.

"I've been getting better every year but it's a touch and go thing," Cogger said.

Cogger was at the Mayo Clinic when he received the organs from a Minnesota man who slipped into a coma after a bout with the flu.

"He was a 26-year-old man who had everything going for

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Buddy Donors Bill Smith, Terri Lasby and Jerry Cogger distributed information regarding organ and tissue donation at the Grayling Secretary of State Office Monday.

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Woman hurt after Blazer hits street sweeper

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

A 28-year-old Grayling woman avoided major injuries when she ran into the back of a street sweeper doing some spring cleaning on area roads.

Elissa Deming rear ended a street sweeper operated by Northern Power Sweeping, Inc. around 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 on M-72 West near Circle Court.

The street sweeper had its emergency light activated, but a large cloud of dust was behind the machine.

Deming was removed from her S-10 Blazer by Grayling City/Township Fire Fighters using the Jaws of Life. She was transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling by a Mobile Medical Response ambulance. Deming was treated and released for minor injuries.

Traffic was closed down on M-72 for 45 minutes.

Jim Hilbrecht, the owner of Northern Power Sweeping, Inc., which is based in Grayling, was operating the street sweeper. He sustained minor injuries.

Hilbrecht is paid to sweep area roads three times a year with funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation which are funneled through the Crawford County Road Commission.

Hilbrecht does contract work in communities from West Branch to the Mackinac Bridge.

Hilbrecht said it would take three weeks to have his street sweeper repaired, so he would have to rent another machine to complete his scheduled jobs.

"We are going to take a financial hit, but I feel fortunate because it could have been a lot worse and somebody could have been killed," Hilbrecht said.

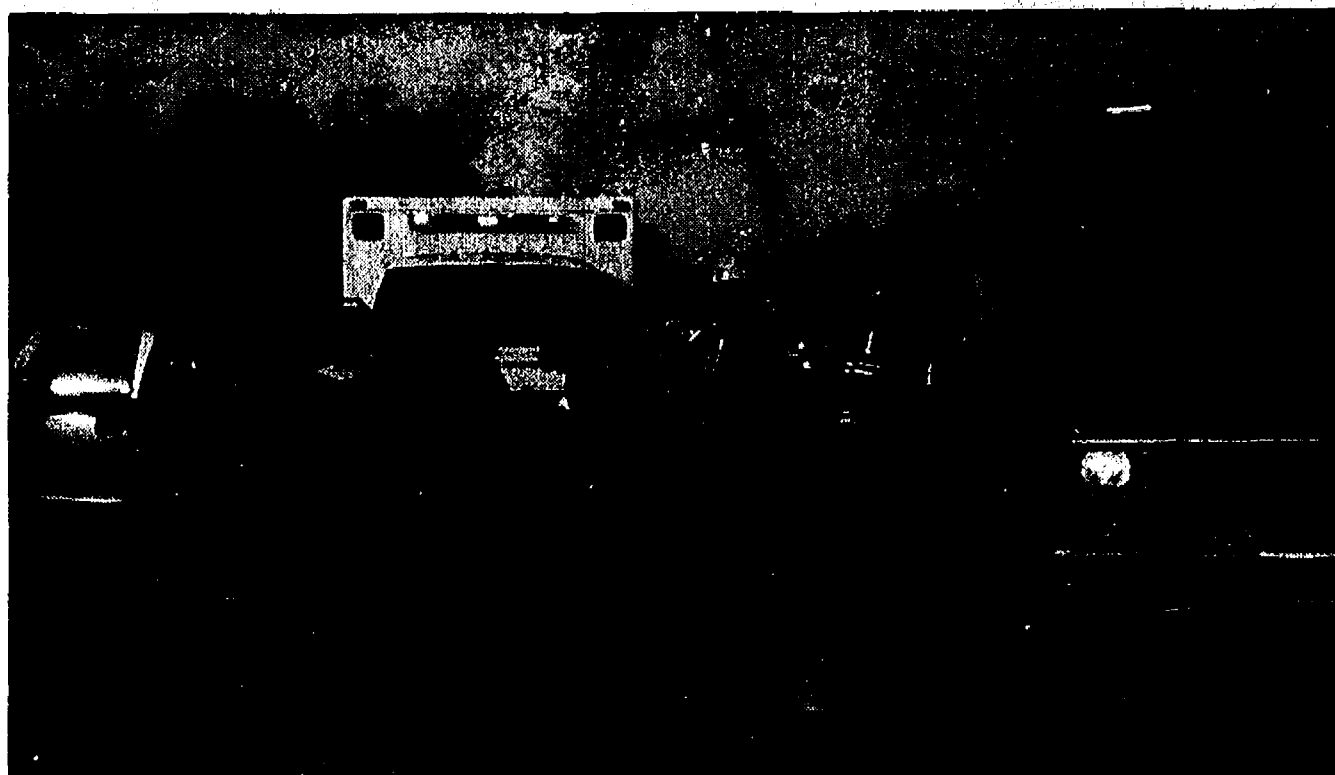


Photo Courtesy of Grayling City/Township Fire Department

Traffic was closed down on M-72 for 45 minutes to allow Grayling City/Township Firefighters to remove Elissa Deming, 28, from her Blazer using the Jaws of Life.

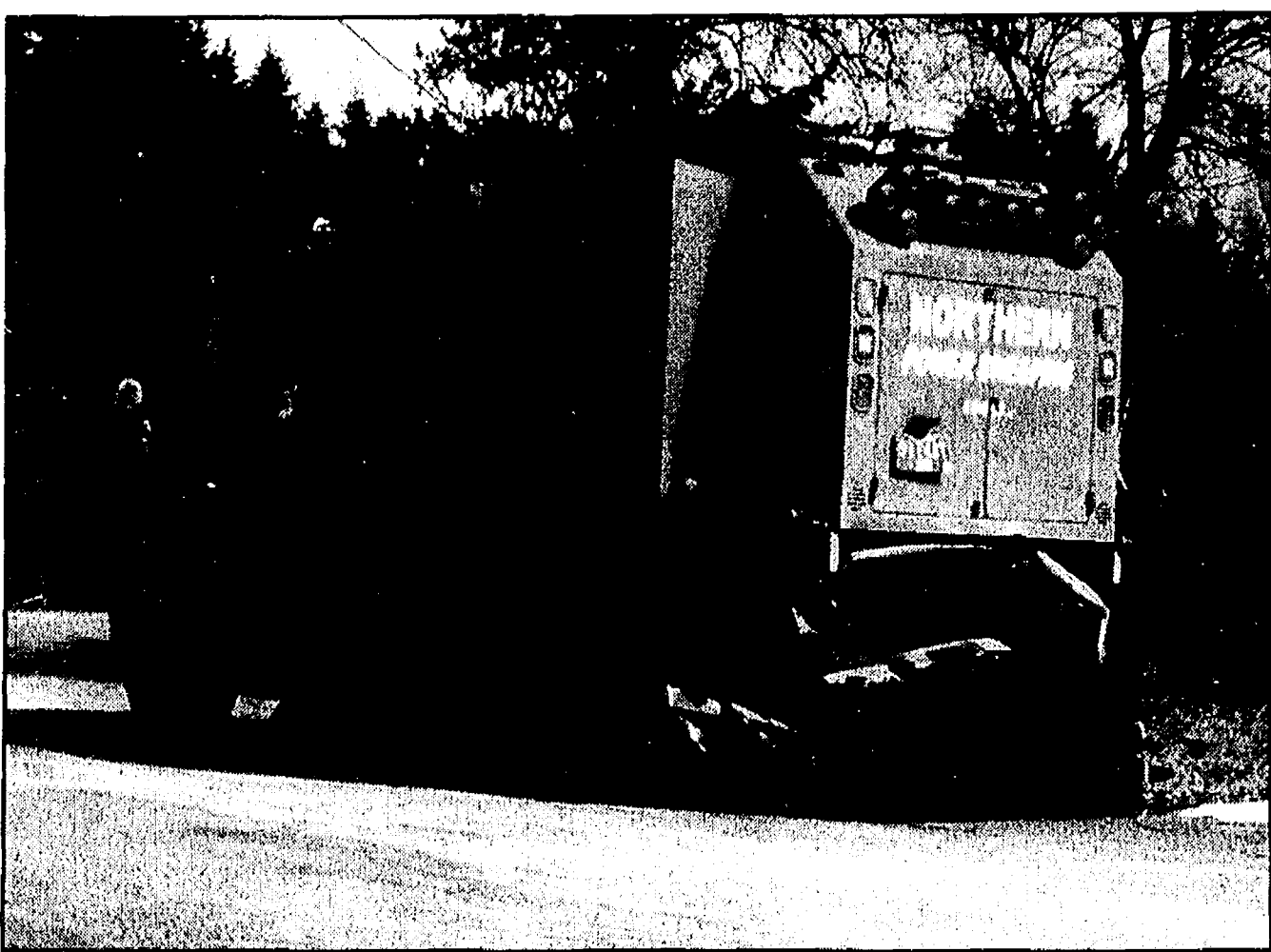


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Northern Power Sweeping, Inc. which is based in Grayling does contract work in communities from West Branch to the Mackinac Bridge.

State seeks ways to offset 10-year retirement glut

by Matt Wenzel
 Capital News Service

LANSING — With more than half the state government's work force eligible to retire in the next 10 years, officials are trying to plan on how to hire replacements.

Almost 60 percent of the state's employees — roughly 30,000 — will be eligible to retire by 2015, the fourth highest percentage in the country, according to a recent study of 37 states. Washington, Maine

and Tennessee have a higher percentage.

"We don't want our work force to get any older, but we can't stop them from doing that," said Mary Ettinger, former president of the United Auto Workers Local 6000, which represents about 18,000 state workers.

Ettinger, a Mason resident who retired from the Department of State in 2002 and was union president until 2004, said it's not a surprise that

the state's workers are among the oldest in the country. "For so many years, the state has hired so few people."

Joseph Slivensky, public information officer for the Department of Civil Service, said his department is well aware of the problem and working with each department individually to develop a plan to deal with the problem.

"We want to have a system in place that will enable us to develop recruitment strategies, succession planning and knowledge transfer," Slivensky said. Michigan Department of Transportation Spokesperson Ben Kohrman said that mentoring young employees is one of the department's main focuses. "We didn't need a new study to tell us that our work force is getting old. We already knew that."

Kohrman said the aging work force is one of the reasons Gov. Jennifer Granholm outlined a plan to keep employees in Michigan to and attract new, younger employees to the state.

In 2003, Granholm introduced the Cool Cities initiative to improve and revitalize vibrant cities that will attract and keep educated and skilled young employees.

"It will help us keep our work force constantly replenished with new workers to learn from the experienced workers that are already in the workplace," Kohrman said.

David Fink, director of the

Office of State Employer, said he is well aware of the problem and looking closely at long-term prospects for the state work force.

Many state positions are attractive, Fink said, and that means employees don't want to leave their jobs. "I don't think it's a negative to have the depth of experience we have in our employees."

According to the Department of Civil Service, the average full-time state employee is 45 years old with more than 13 years of experience.

In 2004, Granholm introduced the Deferred Retirement Option Plan that allows state troopers to continue to work while delaying their retirement for up to six years. Since the plan was enacted, 115 enlisted troopers have participated.

The State Police's Shanon Akans said 10 troopers have retired since last Oct. 1, compared with 36 retirees at the same point in 2003.

Between 2001 and 2003, more than 8,000 state employees took advantage of an early retirement option as part of a cost-saving and work force-cutting maneuver by the state.

However, with such a high percentage of employees eligible to retire in the next decade, state officials are now in the middle of developing a statewide plan.

"It could be a problem if we are not diligent in getting a plan to combat it," Slivensky said.

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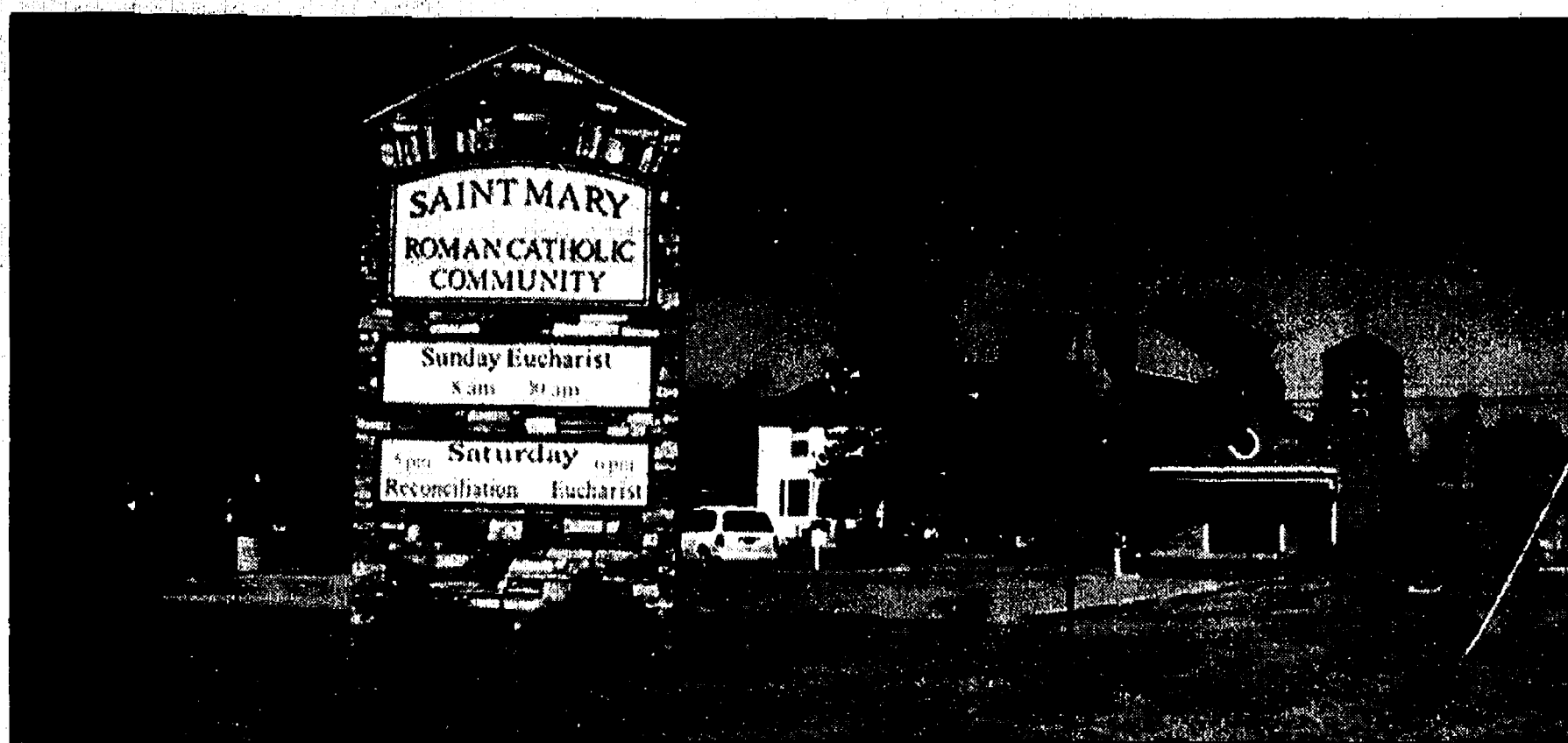


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The black bunting which hangs near the entrance of the St. Mary's Church is a sign of mourning for Pope John Paul II, who died on April 2 in Rome at the age of 84.

St. Mary's members honor Pope's life

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The congregation at the St. Mary's Church in Grayling will continue to mourn the death of Pope John Paul II until a new leader for the Roman Catholic Church is elected.

The black bunting which hangs near the entrance of the St. Mary's Cathedral is a sign of mourning for Pope John Paul II, who died on April 2 in Rome at the age of 84.

The bunting will hang on church grounds until Pope John

Paul's successor is elected. The College of Cardinals is scheduled to begin the election process on April 18.

The congregation at the St. Mary's Cathedral held a Memorial Mass to celebrate Pope John Paul's life on April 5.

A Diocesan Memorial Mass for the Diocese of Gaylord, which involved several priests from the diocese, was also held last week.

"He has consistently been a man of faith - never afraid to speak out for the gospel in

which he believed. His parish was the world; his people were all people. In his meetings, he was always personal and gave evidence of true caring and compassion," said Patrick R. Cooney, the bishop for the Diocese of Gaylord. "I believe that the world is a little better because he lived what he believed and did it well."

Father Nalley, the pastor for St. Mary's Church, got to meet Pope John Paul II shortly after he became the Pope.

Nalley was then working

under Edmund C. Szoka, the first bishop for the Diocese of Gaylord. He said the pope was familiar with the Gaylord Diocese and its leaders.

"He was very knowledgeable of the areas where we were from and knew the leaders from that area - he was super sharp," Nalley said.

Edmund C. Szoka, who is now the U.S. Cardinal serving at the Vatican, was called to Pope John Paul II's bedside on April 1 to offer him his final blessing.

Donor Buddies offer education, support

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him," said Coger, who has kept in touch with the family members of his organ donor. "That was my ticket to life."

Lasby is on the other end of the organ donor scenario. Lasby's daughter, Krystan Bazzett, was killed along with two other teens in an automobile accident which occurred west of Grayling in June, 2000. Some of Bazzett's bones were removed at Munson Hospital in Traverse City and were received by donors.

"Krystan was a very giving person and she was always the first one out the door ready to help a friend," Lasby said.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's certified, full-service organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary to provide educational resources for donors, recipients, physicians and hospital staff.

Initiatives such as the Buddy

Donor program strive to educate people on the need for organ donations.

Lasby said that legislation which went into effect in July, 2003 helps speed up the organ donation process by allowing a person over the age of 18 to be the first person to consent to having their organs donated.

"That person's wishes are honored and there is no arguing among the family members - there is no more debate," Lasby said.

Buddy Donors in the region hold bi-monthly meetings at the Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord as part of the Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan.

The organization offers support to people on transplant lists such as Xiong, their families and care givers.

"He's a brave young man and he'll get through this again," Smith said of Xiong.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Meng Xiong, 16, of Grayling is on a waiting list for a new kidney.

Spring wildfire season is here

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Fire Law requires a burn permit whenever the ground is not snow covered, and it is a misdemeanor to burn without one. Burning performed in an "approved" metal barrel with a lid and holes smaller than three-quarters of an inch in diameter does not require a permit. Burn permits can be obtained from DNR or USDA

Forest Service offices in northern Michigan.

Evening is the safest time to burn, after the wind has died down and temperatures are cooler, Kollmeyer added. Citizens should have garden tools, a charged garden hose or other source of water nearby in case a fire begins to get out of control.

"Never leave a fire unattended,

even for a moment," Kollmeyer said. "Improperly extinguished campfires and debris fires have been the leading cause of wildfires, and most fires escape control when left unattended."

For more information on where to obtain a burn permit, the latest fire statistics and wildfire safety, visit the DNR Web site.

County weighs building options

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Commissioners. "It's going to be the trigger and it's what's going to get things started."

County officials are considering building new offices next to the Grayling City Hall or somewhere else within the City of Grayling. A 17-acre parcel located by Sheer Motors, which is

owned by the county, is another site that has been considered.

County officials would use proceeds from the sale of the 17 acres and land where the existing county offices are located to pay to purchase land and build new offices. A bond issue would also be put before voters to help pay for the new building space.

Officials estimate it will cost up to \$18 million over the next 20 years if the county maintains its current building which is too costly to operate.

"This building is horribly inefficient," Stephenson said. "We can't keep staying at this flat rate and expect to keep paying all of our bills."

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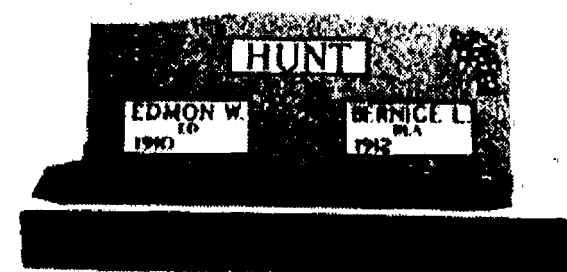


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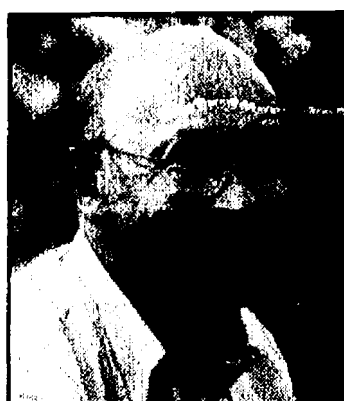
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Criticism of judges reflect bipartisan politics

THE LONG ORDEAL is over for Terri Schiavo. She died a week or so after the feeding tube which had been keeping the stricken Florida woman alive was removed.

The life-denying action was taken pursuant to earlier court decisions at various judicial levels delivered over many months, and refusal of higher federal courts to reverse these earlier decisions.

Terri Schiavo is gone, but the political aspects of the case live on, and likely will be reverberating for years to come.

This essay attempts not to discuss the merit of the Schiavo case or the severe ethical aspects involved, but rather the political fallout only. It can teach us much.

After last ditch Republican-led efforts in Congress to interfere were ineffective and Terri Schiavo died, House Republican Leader Tom DeLay of Texas said: "The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior."

Although his threat was not specific, it is widely assumed he meant that the judges whose actions permitted Ms.

Schiavo to die would be fair game for political attack and attempts to unseat them.

PREDICTABLY AND properly, Democratic party leaders challenged this threat. Sen. Harry Reid, Senate Democratic leader, said the comments displayed "an arrogance of power" by Mr. DeLay and Republicans.

"If they don't get what they want, they attack whoever's around," Sen Reid said. "Now they're after the courts, and I think it goes back to this arrogance of power."

Other Republican leaders, recognizing a political flash-point when one looms, tried to tone down Mr. DeLay's apparent attack on judges.

"I believe we have a fair and independent judiciary today. I respect that," said Sen. Bill Frist, Republican leader in the senate.

Even Vice President Dick Cheney, usually a strong Republican partisan, backed off a bit. According to published reports, Mr. Cheney told the New York Times editorial board that he would have problems with any DeLay plan to take

revenge on judges.

"I don't think that's appropriate," said Mr. Cheney.

The vice president is correct. It is not appropriate.

HOW MR. DELAY or other lawmakers could create havoc for sitting federal judges is problematic. They all enjoy lifetime appointments -- a feature intended in the first place to isolate the judicial system from outside political, partisan pressures.

But federal judges must master a political and partisan gauntlet to be appointed in the first place, which is a part of the system which has been abused by both parties for several years, and has resulted in dozens of critical federal judge-ships remaining vacant due to partisan squabbling.

The key question here is to win senate approval of presidential appointments. In many cases, partisan Democratic senators have been blocking the process, either through committee blackball of presidential appointments or by threatening filibusters to prevent senate action

on non-favored appointments.

Democrats claim it is not their partisanship that feeds this system, but genuine disagreement with the philosophical views and actions of the stymied candidates.

In much the same way, this is why Rep. DeLay promised problems for judges in the Schiavo case. He disagreed with their decisions, because they did not jibe with his own philosophical views on the ethical issues involved in the Schiavo case.

IT IS PROPER that public officials, elected in a partisan selection process, should reflect their own philosophies, and those of their party, in their actions once in office.

But there must be an acceptable limit in the extent to which personal and partisan philosophies should control the entire process of government. We have two major parties. Both should be respected.

Mr. DeLay is right in expressing disappointment in the results of the Schiavo situation when application of his own

principles may have produced a different result, but he is wrong in threatening revenge upon the judges who acted within their own principles to apply the law as they saw it.

Obstinate Senate Democrats, including Michigan's Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, are right in seeking judicial nominees who reflect their own personal and partisan philosophies, but they are wrong to misapply the entire "advice and consent" process and stymie the entire presidential appointment system.

When Mr. DeLay first made his anti-judge remarks, Sen. Frist said the issue was separate from the question of senate approval of judges and a looming battle about limiting the filibuster.

"I don't associate the two issues directly," Sen. Frist said.

I do.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Now I am really mad

To the editor:

Now I am really mad. Just as I am being set to be a grumpy old fart, someone does something wonderful for me and my soul.

Last Friday I got my Social Security check and bought a money order to pay my rent for more than \$300. I hadn't put any names on it yet and put it in my Social Security envelope and put it in my coat pocket. I then went to the grocery store to shop.

While I was shopping my

money order, blank except the dollar amount, slipped out of my pocket. Someone from the store found it, turned it in, got a hold of my bank and then me. If I had lost that money order the Commission on Aging, where I live, would have thrown me out on my car.

I'm proud of the people at our grocery store, and to call you friend.

Richard Bulley
Grayling

Now there is nothing but an I.O.U.

To the editor:

Mr. Bulley hit the nail right on the head.

In Readers Digest 12 to 14 years ago was an article on this.

They took out \$460 billion from the Social Security Fund. The future was: operating on a \$3 million per day income and a

surplus in 2005-06 of about \$7 trillion.

Now there is nothing but an I.O.U.

P.S. The governor took a 10% pay cut. Is there anybody else?

Kenneth Thomson
K.P. Lake

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VIEWPOINT

By Dawn Jacobs, Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program Coordinator for Region 9 Area, Agency on Aging

Avoid estate taxes, probate and Medicaid from taking everything you own

You have probably seen or heard the advertisements on radio, television, in the newspapers and on flyers posted in public places with headlines like this.

During the long winter months and the typically rainy spring months, times when most Michiganders spend the majority of their leisure time indoors, is a popular time for insurance companies and financial planning groups to offer "FREE," long term care planning seminars. The announcements of the seminars indicate that space is limited therefore reserve a space by calling a 1-800-TOLL FREE line. The seminars typically take place in hotels, senior centers, libraries and town halls.

Although many long term care planning seminars are provided by professionals that are experts in Medicaid, Probate and Tax law; there are many seminars in which misleading and inaccurate information is provided to the attendees.

Often these events are used to market an insurance of financial product such as long term care insurance, annuities, trusts or reverse mortgages. There is nothing illegal about holding such seminars in order to market these products however as a consumer you should take steps to educate

yourself prior to attending a long term care planning seminar.

Taking time now to plan how to finance, what types of long term care services are available and where and who provides your long term care, should you need it in the future, can alleviate financial and emotional stresses on you and your family.

Here are a few tips on how to be a savvy consumer when attending a long term care seminar:

DO NOT give your social security number or Medicare number at the event. Sometimes there will be drawings for prizes at these events and the participants are asked to drop their social security card or Medicare card into a bowl for a prize drawing. While there might be a drawing and prizes given out, there might also be someone outside of the room making copies of all the participants' cards and then filing false health insurance claims after the event. This is health insurance fraud and there have been several reports of such tactics taking place throughout Michigan.

If you aren't interested in a follow-up call or marketing material to be sent to you after the session, DO NOT be pressured into giving out your name, address and tele-

phone number.

Income and asset rules differ with Tax, Probate and Medicaid law therefore what works for one may not work for the other.

There is no "one size fits all," "Pie in the Sky," financial product that will prevent you from having to pay for any of your long term care costs.

Statements like: "If you go on Medicaid, the State will take everything you own." This is a scare tactic, do not fall victim to it. There are income and asset limits in order to qualify for Medicaid but the state will not take everything you own if you need Medicaid.

Medicaid rules differ between states therefore what is a countable or non-countable asset in Michigan may not be countable or non-countable asset in Florida. Sometimes the persons providing the long term care sessions here in Michigan may not be from Michigan and therefore may not be knowledgeable of Michigan Medicaid rules.

Get the business cards of all the presenters at the seminar before you have any of them set up an one-on-one appointment to discuss your personal plans. After you get the business cards, check their credentials before visiting with them at your appointment.

For an insurance agent or a financial planner check with the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services at 1-877-999-6442 to find out if the person is licensed to do business in Michigan and/or if there have been any regulatory action taken against that person or their company.

Do some homework before you attend the seminar in order to know what types of products are available and what type of professionals are available to assist in long term care planning. Call the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 1-800-803-7174 and ask for the long term care informational packets.

For more information about health benefits for seniors or adults with disabilities, contact MMAP at 1-800-803-7174. MMAP is a non-profit agency funded by the Federal and State governments to provide free health insurance counseling regarding Medicare, Medicaid (for persons 65+ or adults with disabilities), Medicare supplemental insurance, long term care insurance, Medicare Fraud and Abuse, and prescription assistance. There are MMAP counselors in every county of Michigan.

VIEWPOINT

By Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator, Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice Celebrating Hospice Volunteers

During National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, hospices across the country are pleased to honor hospice volunteers, those individuals who play an indispensable role in bringing care and compassion to the lives of dying people and their families.

According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, approximately 500,000 people volunteer in the nation's 3,300 hospice organizations, providing more than ten million hours of service annually. Many volunteers know firsthand care that hospice can offer, through the support they received when their own loved one was dying. These volunteers now generously bring that same compassion to the lives of others, and

many of them also note how volunteering for hospice enhances their own lives as well.

Hospice volunteer Patrick Hanafin has been with Mercy Amicare hospice for 8 years and states, "Every patient is different and every patient has their stories to tell. I'm there to listen and help where I can. I really receive more than what I give."

Hospice is not a place but a kind of care delivered by an interdisciplinary team that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, aides, clergy, and trained volunteers like Hanafin. Hospice provides expert medical services, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support to the dying and their loved ones.

Last year, hospice served more

than 950,000 people facing a life-limiting illness. This year, NHPCO projects that more than one million patients will receive care from the nation's hospice providers. Volunteers remain an essential part of hospice. In fact, the role of volunteers is built into Medicare's regulations, which require that five percent of patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers.

"Hospice volunteers are an essential element of providing compassionate, quality care to dying people and their families," remarked J. Donald Schumacher, Psy.D., NHPCO president and CEO. "Hospice volunteers help us, in a very personal and meaningful way, to spread the message that hospice is about how you

live."

The true value of hospice volunteers cannot be measured in terms of hours or dollars. Hospice volunteers provide a humane, comforting presence to patients and families during one of life's most challenging journeys. Their time, whether it is spent at the bedside, in the office, or providing respite, not only enhances the lives of those they care for, but also brings great personal rewards.

National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to honor those who give so much and bring so much to the lives of others. Learn more about hospice and volunteering by contacting Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator, Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice.

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The Grayling Promotional Associations Travel and Adventure series will present "Alaska's Inside Passage" hosted by John Holod on Thursday, April 14, at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. This presentation begins promptly at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens and are available in advance by calling 348-7146 or at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce. Flowers by Josie and also sold at the door.

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m., at the cafeteria of the Cheboygan Memorial Hospital. All ostomates and interested persons are cordially invited. Call (989) 821-5721 for further information.

St. Mary's parishioners are holding a garage sale in the parish Learning Center on April 15 & 16, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hot dogs, pop and popcorn will be available during sale hours on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday, St. Mary's Women's Club will have their annual spring bake sale in the Family Center. All proceeds go to the building fund.

HFA's 12th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference, "Living With Grief: Ethical Dilemmas at the End of Life." Sponsored by Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice and Mercy Hospital Grayling, the program is moderated by Cokie Roberts, ABC News Political Commentator and NPR Senior News Analyst, and will be broadcast Wednesday, April 20, from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Grayling Mercy Hospital Riverside Room. This video conference is free of charge but space is limited so call early to register. Health care professionals, educators, clergy and others concerned with the effects of this issue should contact Mary Beth Brady- (989) 348-0035 for details. Please leave a voice mail if she is not available and your call will be returned.

The Crawford County Museum will be taking on a new appearance in preparation for the 2005 season. At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, a big housecleaning and reorganization day needs the help of volunteers at the museum. Coffee and refreshments will be served throughout the day. If you have questions, please call Kay at 348-7995 or Steve at 348-2656.

Grayling Assembly of God Church will host a Youth Rally on Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 at 6 p.m. Reverend Jeff Turner, Dynamic Youth Pastor of Marysville Assembly of God, will present spirit-filled preaching and worship. The event is open to ages 12 through adult.

Due to scheduling problems, Grayling Eagles Aerie 3465 Fish Fry will be on the fourth Friday this month, April 22.

The Crawford County Republican Committee will meet Monday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling. The 2005-2006 budget is on the agenda. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts dropped off yellow bags on Saturday, April 9, to Grayling City and Grayling Township near town for the scouting food drive for the Christian Help Center. Pick up will be Saturday, April 16, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please place the bags out and make them visible from the street. Anyone in the outlining areas that did not receive a bag and wants to help, you can drop off food to the following locations: Goodales Bakery, Medicine Shoppe, Happy Days Diner, Ice House and Comfort Center.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will get closer to its 2007 goal of 90% of roads and bridges in good condition with the bridge rehabilitation projects beginning in Ogemaw County. Bridge construction will begin on I-75 near West Branch starting the week of April 4, and should be completed by June 17, 2005.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane for northbound and southbound I-75. No weekend lane closures will be allowed after Memorial Day weekend. Width restrictions of 12 feet will be in effect.

MDOT will rehabilitate four

bridges on I-75 over M-30 and Ski Park Road in Ogemaw County. Work includes bridge repairs and painting.

Motorists are encouraged to proceed with caution through the work zone.

This \$540,000 bridge improvement project is expected to extend the life of the structures by approximately 15 years (with routine maintenance). It continues a commitment by MDOT and the Granholm Administration to create jobs, improve the quality of life and provide the highest quality transportation services for Michigan residents and businesses.

Crawford AuSable School District officials are still seeking information for alumni who served the country in the military.

The names of veterans who served in the military that attended Grayling or Frederic High School are being taken up until Memorial Day, May 30.

A Military Hall of Honor is being established at the Grayling High School in a corridor at the school. One wall will honor veterans who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the present war in Iraq. Each plaque will be designed with the veteran's name, years of service and the military branch in which they served.

The other wall will honor all

non-combat veterans starting with 1910 up to the present time and extending into the future. Each decade will be represented with the veteran's name, years of service and military branch in which they served.

On Memorial Day, a ceremony will be held at the Grayling High School for all veterans, friends and relatives to honor Crawford AuSable School District alumni who served their country.

Crawford AuSable School Board Trustee Jim Tobin announced the plans to establish the Military Hall of Honor at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Grayling High School last fall.

Information regarding veterans can be left with Nancy Wells at 344-3754.

Effective at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 11, weight restrictions for commercial trucks have been lifted for Michigan's entire lower peninsula. The upper peninsula weight restrictions remain in effect.

There are no restrictions for legal loads on roads designated as "all-season trunklines," which include the majority of state highways. All extended permits

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 15 - Lunch - beef stroganoff over rice, sweet and sour wax beans, spinach, medium orange. 12 p.m., Lovells satellite meal. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, April 17 - Brunch - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., pancakes and sausage, eggs, fruit bar, juice, coffee, milk. \$3.00 seniors and children under 12, \$5.00 non-seniors

Monday, April 18 - Lunch -
bacon & egg quiche, green bean
amandine, perfection salad,
pineapple chunks. Dinner - pork
roast, herbed green beans, cheesy
mashed potatoes, cherry crisp.
9:30 a.m. - COA Board Meeting,
12 p.m. - Stag Club, 1 p.m. -
Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. -
Haneman

Tuesday, April 19 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes and ham, brussels sprouts, brownie, carrot, celery & apple salad. Spring Fling Dinner - BBQ chicken, boston baked beans, baked potatoes, rolls, banana splits. 1 p.m. - Euchre Club, 5 p.m. - Spring Fling Dinner & Dance with "The Good Fellas"

Wednesday, April 20 - Lunch - swedish meatballs over noodles, broccoli, pineapple, plums. Dinner - swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, carrots, melon balls. 10 a.m. - Line Dancing, 12 p.m. - Stag Club, 5:30 p.m. - Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, April 21 - Lunch - smoked sausage w/ peppers and onions, baked potatoes, corn and apricots. Dinner - pancakes w/ sausage, tomato juice, baked

will be valid for oversized loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or access MDOT's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot, then, under "Favorite Links," click on "Truckers Services."

apple & raisins, coffee cake. 10 a.m. - aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. - blood pressure checks, 11 a.m. - out to lunch Traverse City, 5:30 p.m. - Uno Attack

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

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The Bible Speaks

Humanist Manifesto 2000

The Humanist Manifesto 2000, released by The International Academy of Humanism, reaffirmed the old principles of Humanist Manifestoes I and II on a global scale. It is presented as, "A Call for a New Planetary Humanism." It reads like a blueprint for global Marxism. They call their worldview, "Scientific Naturalism" because it is "disentangled from metaphysics or theology." Instead of calling their system "dialectical materialism" like the Communists did, they call it "nonreductive materialism." They plan an atheistic world future which excludes the authority of God. They say, "...there is insufficient scientific evidence for spiritual interpretations of reality..."

They are calling for a new Planetary Bill of Rights and Responsibilities based upon the "common moral decencies" or "the general moral virtues that are widely shared by humans of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds." To implement this "new planetary consensus" they are calling for "a system of international law that transcends the laws of the separate nations." To enforce their international law they propose a, "...World Parliament-and elec-

tions to it based on population which will represent the people, not their governments." To settle disputes they propose a, "World Court and an International Judiciary with sufficient power to enforce its rulings." They propose a stronger global military force under the United Nations to keep the peace. To finance all this they propose an, "...international system of taxation in order to assist the underdeveloped sectors of the human family and to fulfill social needs not fulfilled by market forces. We would begin with a tax levied on the Gross National Product (GNP) of all nations, the proceeds to be used for economic and social assistance and development."

Their goals are utopian, but clear. "First, we should strive to end poverty and malnutrition and to provide adequate health care and shelter for people everywhere on the planet. This means that nobody should be denied adequate food and clean water and we should try our best to eradicate infectious diseases, ensure proper sanitation, and guarantee a minimum standard of housing for everyone." "Second, we should strive to provide economic security and adequate income for everyone." They believe the civilized

nations as the greatest wasters and polluters of the planet, should reduce their rich lifestyle to pay for this. If necessary maybe they will even fine us beyond our taxes through a, "a planetary environmental monitoring agency on the transnational level" to "enforce measures against serious ecological pollution."

They came out with A Secular Humanist Declaration in 1980 in an attempt to expose "fundamentalist religious and right-wing political forces" as the enemies. They say, "We are especially concerned about anti-scientific, antimodern trends, including the emergence of shrill fundamentalist voices and the persistence of bigotry and intolerance..."

This global spirit of antichrist is upon us in these last days. (1 John 2:18). (2 Tim. 3:13) "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Study your Bible, pray, take your family to a Bible-believing Church! Jesus Christ is coming back! Be Ready! Pastor "B"

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period April 14 - April 20.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, South of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: April 14 - 15 and 18 - 20.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) April 15-17

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas

pipeline and south of Portage Creek. April 16

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information, call 1-800-628-5820.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 71 complaints the week of April 4 - April 10:

Six traffic accidents, one accident-non traffic, one motor vehicle vin school bus, two civil matter/family disputes, 13 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 13 general non-criminal, one tree-brush-grass fire, one delinquent minors, three false alarms, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault,

one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, four larcenies, six public peace/disorderly, two OUIL, two health and safety, two conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief, Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of April 3 - April 10:

Three traffic warnings, one private property accident, three juvenile complaints, one assault complaint, one city ordinance violation, one civil infraction

citation, four assist other departments;

One misdemeanor arrest, three alarms, four disturbing the peace complaints, two malicious destruction of property complaints, two animal control complaints, one suspicious situation and three unclassified complaints.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Ryan A. Feutz, son of Laura L. and Ronald P. Feutz of Grayling, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Feutz completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot

camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Feutz is a 2004 graduate of Grayling High School.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 10 of \$25 each: Rene Long, Ross Thompson, Sandy Thompson and Deanne Armstrong.

OBITUARIES

George C. Phillips

Jan. 8, 1942 - Apr. 3, 2005
George C. Phillips, 63, of Roscommon, passed away on April 3, 2005. The service was held on April 8, 2005, at Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home. The burial was at Elmood Cemetery. Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home.

Correction

In the April 7, 2005 Avalanche, the Thomas Michael Phillips obituary should have read that he was survived by his parents Edward and Mary Phillips of Grayling. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all those who helped to comfort and pray for our family in the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, Bob Smock, Sr. Truly, the beauty of living in a small town was affirmed time and again with phone calls, visits, cards and all the kindness shared with our family. A special thanks to Rob Woodland for his heartfelt eulogy, and to Michelson Memorial Church.

Thank you Grayling, as we bid our earthly farewell to this generous and humble fly tyer.

The family of
Bob Smock, Sr.

Card of Thanks

To Sorenson-Lockwood and all the people who were there for me and my family during the passing of my father, Thomas Phillips.

With all Sincerity,
Shannon (Phillips) Smith

Card of Thanks

Thank you for all the cards, calls and hugs.

From the family of
Donald Lee Millikin

HONORS



Jennifer VanNuck

Jennifer VanNuck, Grayling High School senior, was awarded a \$250 scholarship from the Beaver Creek Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation during their recently held Hunting Heritage Banquet at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall. This annual event is held to raise funds for scholarships, education, and habitat projects in the Crawford Roscommon County areas.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mary Lou Larke Metro turned 70 this week on Tuesday, April 12, and to celebrate the occasion, her daughter, Barbara Buskirk, of Lansing, arranged a four day trip last week, flying from Lansing to Las Vegas. Accompanying Mary Lou and Barbara were John Metro and three other friends from Lansing.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Sheena Stott and Shane Carpsen of Lovells, announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Orise Carpsen, born at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord on March 31, 2005, weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

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Sunday Worship...8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School (Preschool - 3rd grade)...11 am
Adult Sunday School...9:45 am
Children's Sunday School...11 am
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)
Bible Study (Wed)...10:30 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 989-275-1261
Services held Saturday at
Camp Anshelm off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service...9:30 am
Sunday Sabbath School...10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting...7 pm

Lovell Community Chapel
(Bible based & non-denominational)
Pastor Larry Blankin
Associate Pastor Tina Panner
8131 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovell
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult)...10 am
Morning Worship...11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study...7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Secord • Pastor
6632 S. I-75 • 348-9093
Early Service...8:30 am
Sunday School...10 am
Morning Service...11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)...7 pm

Luma Loversy United
Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship...11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School...9:30 am

Hartwick Baptist
Pastor Ernie Prager 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Place Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School...9:45 am
Morning Worship...9:45 am
Evening Worship...6 pm
Wednesday...7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Weldon
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parade 348-1466
Sunday School...9:30 am
Morning Worship...10:30 am
Evening Service...6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed)...7 pm

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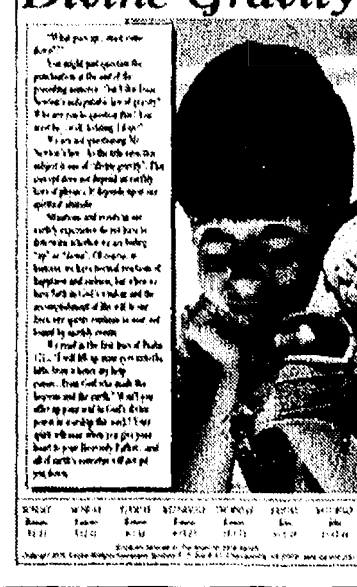
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Divine Gravity



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament...10 am
Sunday School...11 am
Primary...11 am
Prenatal...12 noon
Relief Society...12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Pettit, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School...10 am
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service...11 am
Sunday Evening Service...6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting...7 pm
Wednesday Service...7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting...7 pm
(van transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School...9:15 am
Sunday Worship...10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephens
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. • 348-9751
Church School...9:45 am
Prayer...11 am
Midweek Service Prayer...7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, S.V., Pastor
700-706 Pontiac Ave. • 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass...6 pm
Sunday Mass...10:00 am
Sunday Mass...10:30 am
Scripture Study (Sun)...9:15 am
Daily Mass...9:30 am
Wednesday & Friday...8:30 am

St. Francis Roman Catholic
Pastor Edward K. Chappell
348-3830
Monday Prayer Meeting...8:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting...8:30 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting...8:30 am
Thursday Prayer Meeting...8:30 am
Friday Prayer Meeting...8:30 am
Saturday Prayer Meeting...8:30 am
Sunday Prayer Meeting...8:30 am

Reformation Life Tabernacle
Pastor Bill & Susan Mann
348-7657
Sunday School...9:30 am
Sunday Service...10:30 am
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Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School...9:45 am
Morning Worship...10:30 am
Evening Worship...6 pm
Wednesday...7 pm
Frayser & Awan Club (Wed)...7 pm

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TV 29 & 8...7:30 am
Sunday Classes...10 am
Sunday Worship...11 am
Sunday Evening...6 pm
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Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed)...7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Life Shady
211 Shellenbeger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School...10 am
Sunday Worship...11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening...7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Admission with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Cooley
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School...9:45 am
Morning Worship...11 am
Evening Service...6 pm
Wednesday Service...7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School...9 am
Sunday Service...10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School...10 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11 am
Sunday Evening Worship...6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

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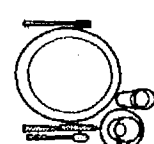
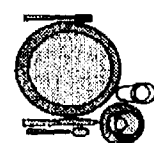
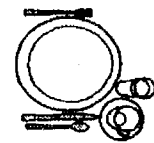


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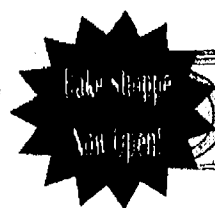
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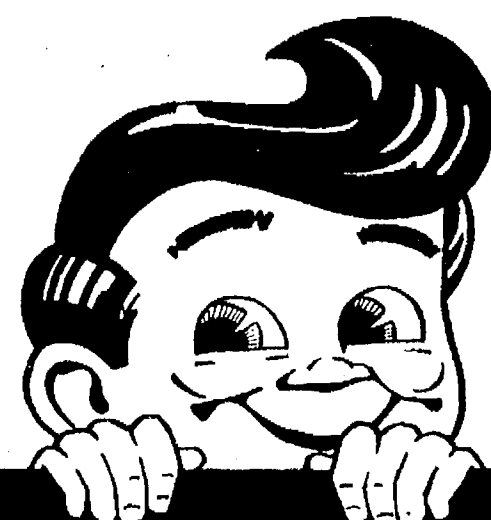
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Pauline Hatfield, administrative clerk of the board for the Crawford County Road Commission, recently retired after 27 years with the Road Commission. The Road Commission held a retirement party for Hatfield in February and co-workers said, "We wish her all the best and good luck in her retirement."

Flea market to open in St. Helen

Entrepreneur Ray Oatman is planning the opening of a new Flea Market in St. Helen, beginning the middle of May. With over 48 spaces, both outside and inside, Oatman is hoping to attract vendors from a wide area, including antique dealers, dealers in vintage and collectible items, as well as farmers and florists who will bring their produce to market. He is also hoping to attract artists and artisans from the area, including wood carvers, painters, metal artists and others,

with possibly a special area for northern Michigan original art. Located at 8721 Artesia Beach Road, F-97 off old 76, the market will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with spaces renting for \$25 and \$30 per weekend for inside booths at 10 x 12 ft. and \$15 for outside booth spaces, 10 x 12 ft. "My aim is to keep the market very clean, with a variety of items to offer the public - not just a lot of 'new junk.'"

To entice vendors to try the market, Oatman is offering free space to vendors to set up the weekend of Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 21. Anyone interested in learning more about the market or reserving a space is asked to call (989) 389-7507 or (313) 790-2435. Ray Oatman moved to St. Helen in 1999 into a home he has owned since 1991. Previously from Dearborn, he was the owner of Preventive Mobile Maintenance Co. where he bought, sold and repaired forklift trucks.



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The Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Program is proud to present The Macomers. The Command Performance Dinner Show will be held on Thursday evening, April 21.

Family entertainment in a "something for everyone" performance best describes the highly choreographed show choir ensemble known throughout the state as the Macomers - the Goodwill Ambassadors of Macomb Community College.

Founded in 1970, they are Michigan's oldest college show choir. The Macomers ever-changing student cast and musical program, continues to receive "rave" reviews year after year.

This enthusiastic group currently includes 15 singer/dancers, instrumentalists, a sound technician, coordinator and director. There are many areas of study represented by these talented and energetic students who enjoy performing for people of all ages. Each Macomber auditions in the spring for a position in the group. All Macomers are full time students at Macomb Community College and are enrolled in private voice lessons. The Macomers are also members of the MCC Macomb Chorale or Madrigal Singers. The group practices a minimum of seven hours each week, with many school performances on Friday. Each Macomber, who successfully meets the requirements, will receive a scholarship that will pay most costs of



Tickets are still available for the April 21 GPA Cultural Events dinner show, with the enthusiastic group, The Macomers, at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

their college classes. Scholarships are a program of the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

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Beaumont Volunteer Christmas Dinner, opening of the All Events Expo Center, Harper Woods Community Center Dinner, Crawford AuSable Community in Grayling and at the State Elks Convention in Lansing. The Macomers assist Macomb Center for the Performing Arts with the annual fundraiser. They have had guest performances with the Chieftains, Neal Sedaka, the Gaylords, Bobby Vinton, Patti Page, and Marvin Hamlisch.

Doors open at the Holiday Inn of Grayling at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The entree will be 8 oz. New York Strip or BBQ pork loin, twice baked

potato, vegetables, Waldorf Salad, rolls and butter, Pie Ala Mode and non-alcoholic beverage, cash bar available. Ticket cost is \$27.50 per person, includes tax and tip, and can be purchased in advance at Flowers by Josie, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or by calling 989-348-7146.

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When March's brisk winds finally give way to soft breezes and April showers, good gardeners get the itch to don their gloves and grab a hoe, hand spade, trowel or hand rake, and start preparing their gardens for summer. But the exertions of planting shrubbery, trimming trees and other outdoor chores can literally be a pain in the neck and back if you're not physically prepared.

"Working in a vegetable or flower garden each spring and summer can be an extremely rewarding and nurturing experience," says Thomas Simmer, M.D., chief medical officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "But beginners as well as certified master gardeners need to be sure their bodies are up to the task."

Here are some tips to be sure your experience is a relaxing one, not one that ends with a trip to your doctor:

- Start with the right tools. A good set of long-sleeved leather

gardening gloves can protect hands and forearms against splinters, thorns, poison ivy, biting and stinging insects and the general wear and tear of digging in the dirt. Wear long pants and use shoes that offer good support. If you don't have them already, purchase a comfortable pair of knee pads, or a closed-cell foam gardening pad. Your knees will rest easier for it. Pads covered in latex or plastic make cleanup easy.

- Good tools, including quality hand cultivators and pruning scissors, will pay you back many times over with good service. Wrap handles with a strip of fluorescent tape. You'll spot them easier when you're done so they won't be hit by lawn mowers or cultivators. Thousands of injuries are caused each year nationwide by power equipment mishaps in the yard and garden.

- Garden "putters" with knee or other joint replacements can keep on cultivating their hobby

by using toolboxes with built-in seats that allow plenty of access to the soil and keep all you need handy at the same time. Planting in raised flower beds or boxes or even in wheeled containers also offers improved access.

- Before you turn one spade of soil, warm up back and leg muscles and tendons with some simple stretching exercises, doing so will help prevent pulled muscles or other injuries that could delay your planting schedule. Like any exercise, gradually work up to more strenuous schedules. Don't bend from the waist when picking up heavy items. Bend at the knees instead. Don't feel like you must move everything at once, lift big loads or do huge jobs that could cause injury, especially if you don't exercise regularly. Use proper tools such as wheelbarrows to pick up and transport bags of topsoil, peat or chipped wood. When moving heavy items, make "small loads often" your motto.

- Wear a large hat that shades your neck against sunburn and use sunscreen with insect repellent. Use anti-poison ivy lotion if you think you will be exposed. Poison ivy's toxin is transmitted through oils present on the leaves and stalk. If your skin comes into contact with a poisonous plant, wash the area immediately with cool water and soap. Wash your tools as well as clothing. Don't burn poison ivy or poison oak, as the smoke can carry its toxic oils as well. Use a poison ivy herbicide instead.

- If you're not an organic farmer, read all garden chemical and pesticide label directions thoroughly and carefully before using and follow them precisely. Some are poisonous to pets, while others are harmful if inhaled or come in contact with skin for prolonged periods. Still others should not be applied before rain or on windy days. Wash exposed skin thoroughly after each use.

America's favorite comedy team to perform at Kirtland

Williams & Ree were originally scheduled to perform at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on May 7, however due to a conflict with the artist's schedule the performance date has been changed to April 30, at 8 p.m.

What do you call a fair-skinned Scandinavian from Mountain Home, Idaho and a Sioux Indian from Pierre, South Dakota? What Else? - "The Indian and the White Guy" - of course.

The Indian and the White Guy, better known as Williams & Ree, share a unique ability to make people laugh even if it comes from laughing at themselves - a trait which first drew them

together in 1968. Bruce Williams and Terry Ree met at Black Hills State College in Spearfish, South Dakota where they were both majoring in draft dodging. The two ended up playing together in a band, working the bars and college parties. The band only knew about 10-12 songs and needed help filling in the time, so Bruce and Terry jumped in with the ethnic jocularly. Soon their comedy became a bigger draw than the band and the Indian and the White Guy comedy team was born.

The two have been coupled since those college days and have been compared to the likes of "cotton and polyester", "peas and

carrots", "Sears and Roebuck" and "Williams and Ree."

For the past 26 years, the Williams & Ree have entertained audiences from coast to coast - sharing stages with such superstars as Garth Brooks, the Oak Ridge Boys, Charlie Daniels and Randy Travis. Their show is a lively, fast-paced mixture of comedy bits, social/political commentary and racial zings entwined with original songs. Jack Hurst of the Chicago Times describes their show as "a sort of ethnic-oriented 'Hee Haw' with strong dashes of Saturday Night Live. Playing on their differences is a large part of the Williams and Ree humor."

Williams and Ree perform over 200 shows per year, have been featured on Nashville Network's popular show "Country Kitchen," as regulars on "Hee Haw," have been on LAFF TV, and co-hosted the Charlie Daniels Talent Roundup.

They have been nominated by Music City News Awards not only as Comedians of the Year, but also Best Vocal Duo. In 1995 they were nominated as Best Vocal Duo by the Country Music Association.

For further information or to order tickets contact the Kirtland Ticket office at (989) 275-6777 or order tickets online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa

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Kirkland and Ethan Graham of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Noah Bradley, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on April 1, 2005, weighing 7 lbs. 3 ozs., and measuring 19.5 inches long.

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Officials tussle over extra school funding

by Amy Payne
Capital News Service
LANSING — Gov. Jennifer Granholm wants to increase school funding by \$175 per student for 2005-06, but Republicans and some educator groups are arguing over how the money is going to be used.

say schools need the money to cover those insurance and retirement costs, and that the GOP alternative is a "hostile takeover" of union bargaining abilities. Putting teacher health coverage under state control would "gut the state's collective bargaining protections for school employees," said Gary Fratlick, manager of communications for Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA), the branch of the MEA that provides health coverage to its members.

Republicans in the House and Senate have commissioned a \$250,000 study to determine the cost of teacher benefits and the financial impact of insuring school employees as part of the

government employee system. Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikken, R-Wyoming, and Senate Appropriations Chair Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, introduced bills in January that would create a school employee health care board and require public school employers to use an insurance plan administered by the Department of Civil Service.

Trimming insurance costs makes sense for administrators trying to deal with a strained economy, said Paul Kersey, a labor researcher for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. "Michigan school districts in a tight financial situation should consider every realistic opportunity for savings, especially those that can be pursued without reducing the quality of education," he said.

Kersey said MESSA's connection to a teacher's union can keep the cost of insurance higher than it has to be because of strikes. "MESSA coverage is extremely generous but also very expensive," he said. "It makes perfect sense for school districts to look at savings in this area."

About 55 percent of districts use MESSA as their health insurance provider, said Al Short, a lobbyist with the MEA. Fratlick said 57 percent of the MEA's 160,000 members use MESSA, adding that not all members of the MEA have to use MESSA for health care.

Public Health Week increases awareness of health programs

From childhood immunizations to a breast and cervical cancer control program, from maternal and infancy support services to well and septic inspections and permits, county health departments are often called the front-line of Michigan's health care delivery system. The services provided by these local public health departments are geared toward keeping people well through the promotion of health and the prevention of diseases and injuries.

Department #10, "Public Health is the least understood piece of pie that we call our comprehensive and complex 'health care system,' and yet it is one of the most important pieces."

To many, public health is just the medical care provided to the poor at public health clinics. However, public health programs are actually responsible for the major increases in life span that developed countries have achieved. We enjoy additional years of life because the public health system has been working to control contagious diseases, improve sanitation, and assure safe water supplies and food purity. In addition, health promotion programs are designed to address the huge increase in chronic diseases. Chronic diseases currently make up seven of the top leading causes of death in the United States and are directly related to lifestyle choices.

Services provided by District Health Department #10 include communicable disease identification and outbreak control, childhood immunizations, prenatal health assistance, maternal and infant support services, family planning services (in Clawford, Kalkaska, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, & Wexford Counties), Children's Special Health Care Services, lead poisoning prevention and investigation, school hearing and vision screening, influenza and pneumonia immunizations, scoliosis screening, sexually transmitted disease control, HIV/AIDS advocacy and case management, food service inspection and licensing, well and septic permits, rabies control, water quality management and education, indoor air quality management, public swimming pool inspections, shelter management, environmental health community planning, campground inspections, Women, Infant, and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC), Breast & Cervical

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"Public Health Week is a chance to increase awareness of the public health programs at both the state and local levels," says VanGills. "I urge everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity to make public health 'public.'"

The Mission of District Health Department #10 is to promote and enhance the health of all individuals through education, prevention, intervention, & protection of the environment. Please join in recognizing the successes of public health in striving for "Healthy People in Healthy Communities."

Public health questions or concerns may be addressed to your local health department office. In Crawford County, call (989) 348-7800 and Kalkaska County call (231) 256-8669.

According to Linda VanGills, Health Officer for District Health

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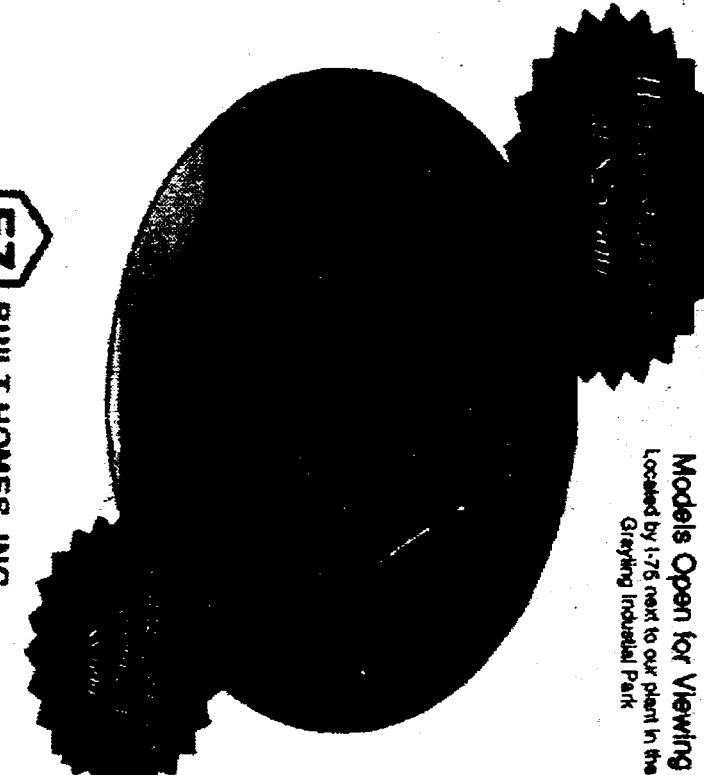
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Michigan authors to sign children's book at Michigan Magazine Museum

"Lost in the Woods," a follow-up to the phenomenal success of "Stranger in the Woods," enchants young and old with an explosion of green foliage, colorful wildflowers and an assortment of feathered and furry forest friends. The 2004 Great Lakes Book of the Year Finalist transports readers deep into the world of a newborn fawn. Weaving a warm and loving story interlaced with beautiful photography as animals become concerned for a fawn they believe is "lost in the woods." They eventually discover the fawn isn't really lost. He is alone because Mother Doe instinctively knows she cannot stay with him since her scent may attract predators.

Through "Lost in the Woods," Sams and Stoick hope people will learn that most often fawns found alone in the woods are not lost or

abandoned. Fawns are born scentless and with camouflaging spots. Being alone is nature's way of keeping them safe. Subtle lessons, like this one, are found throughout the book and are the reason teachers have been strong supporters of the couple's work.

"We wanted to include gentle lessons for children without preaching," says Stoick, a former middle school teacher. "Trust, patience and waiting for your time along with appreciation for the nature's beauty are messages we hope to instill."

"It was hard to follow the success of 'Stranger in the Woods,'" explained Sams, who has sold more than one million copies of their first children's book. "We wanted to be sure this book was as good, or even better. Judging from the response we've had so far, I think we've done it."

Michigan Magazine Museum is thirty minutes northeast of Grayling and fifteen minutes north of Mio between Fairview and Comins. Follow I-75 north to exit 202 (Alger Exit). Head north on M33 to Fairview. Turn north at the blinker light. Just before Comins you'll spot the beautiful log lodge museum on the west side of M33 directly across from the "Woodworkers Shoppe."

Carl R. Sams II grew up on an island near the mouth of the AuSable River in northern Michigan playing sports, hunting, and fishing. At Central Michigan University, he majored in outdoor recreation and speech, then moved into the real estate market with his father before following his heart -



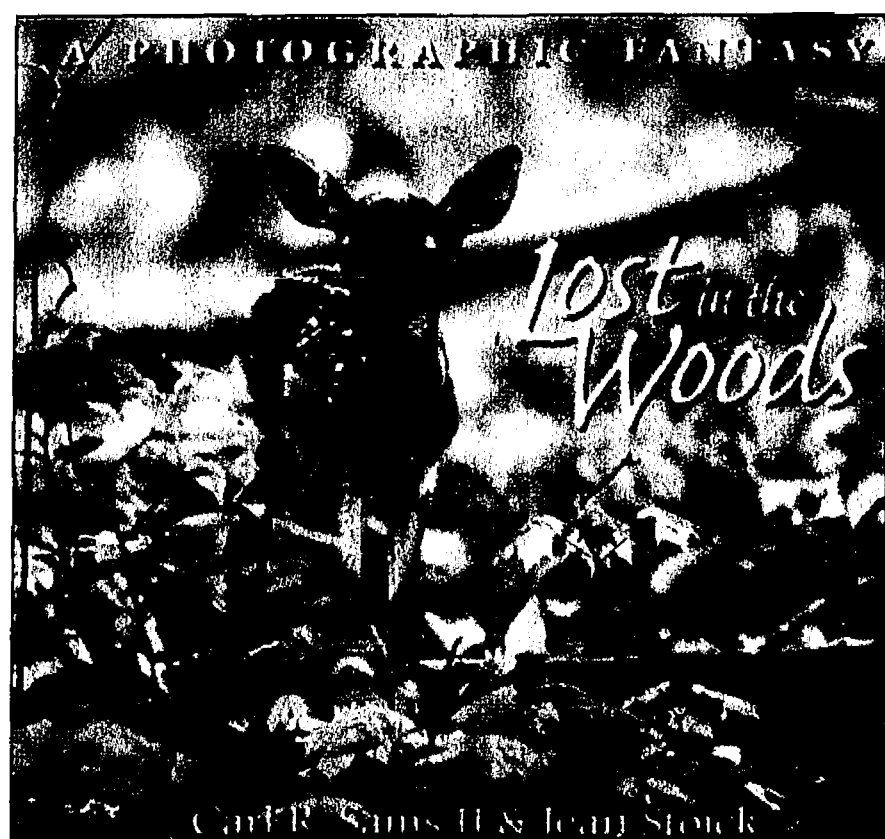
Author Carl R. Sams II "high fives it" with a second grade student who did a wonderful job asking questions at the press conference.

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This accreditation outcome, which represents the highest level of accreditation, is awarded to an organization that shows substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a three-year accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous

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We would like to thank everyone that helped us after our accident on Feb. 28, 2005. The police, paramedics and fire department all responded quickly and professionally. The care and concern showed by all was wonderful. Hats off to the emergency room staff as well. Angela was in the hospital for a month and still has a long way to go but is expected to recover fully.

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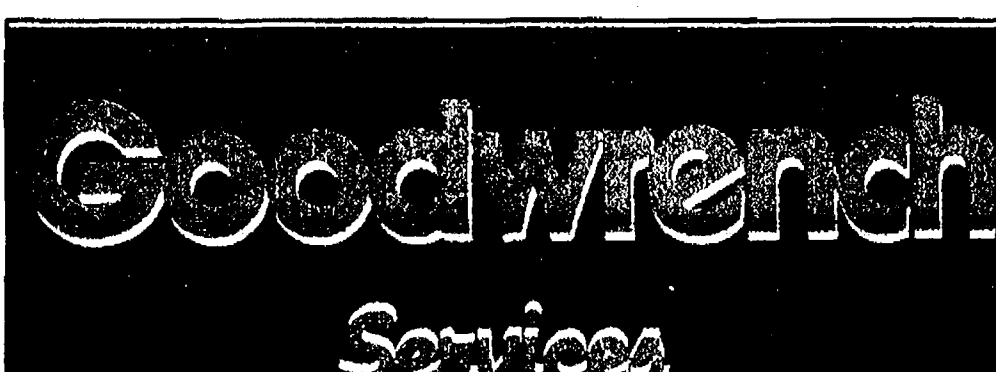
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GHS baseball team prepares for start of 2005 season

Ben Brock, head football coach at GHS, is new coach for varsity squad

■ Strengths of this year's team include hitting and 'leadership'

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

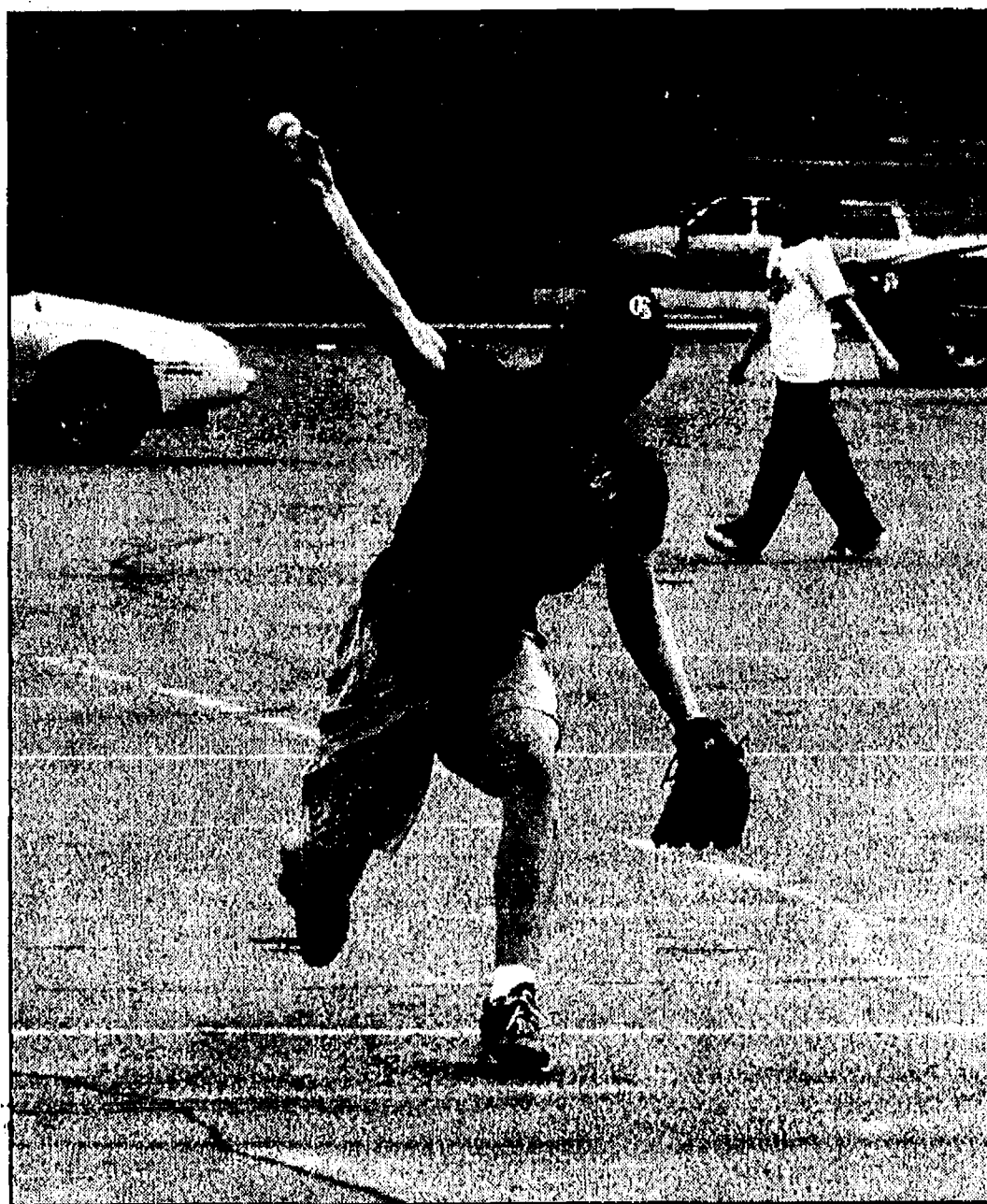
The 2005 GHS varsity baseball team has a roster full of experienced players - nine of the squad's 15 members are seniors - and a new head coach - Ben Brock, who is also the head football coach at Grayling High School.

"I've told the boys since day one that we will hustle, be disciplined, and do things the right way," Coach Brock said.

For Brock, who coached varsity boys track at GHS last spring, it is his first coaching stint for baseball. He played four years of varsity baseball at Shepherd High School and one year of fall ball at Central Michigan University.

"(Shepherd) has a good program. They went to the state finals last year. I'll be taking a lot of things I learned there and bringing them here," Coach Brock said.

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JC Schneider tosses a pitch at a recent varsity baseball practice.

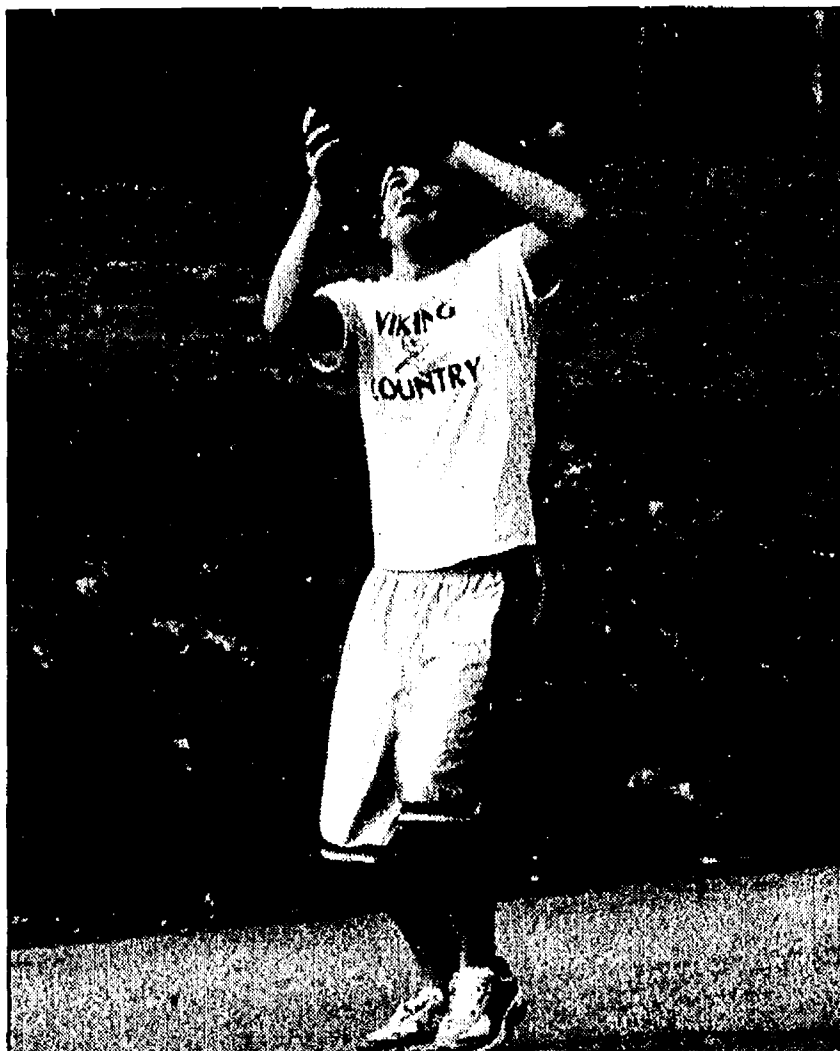


Derek Etzler throws at baseball practice on Wednesday, March 30.

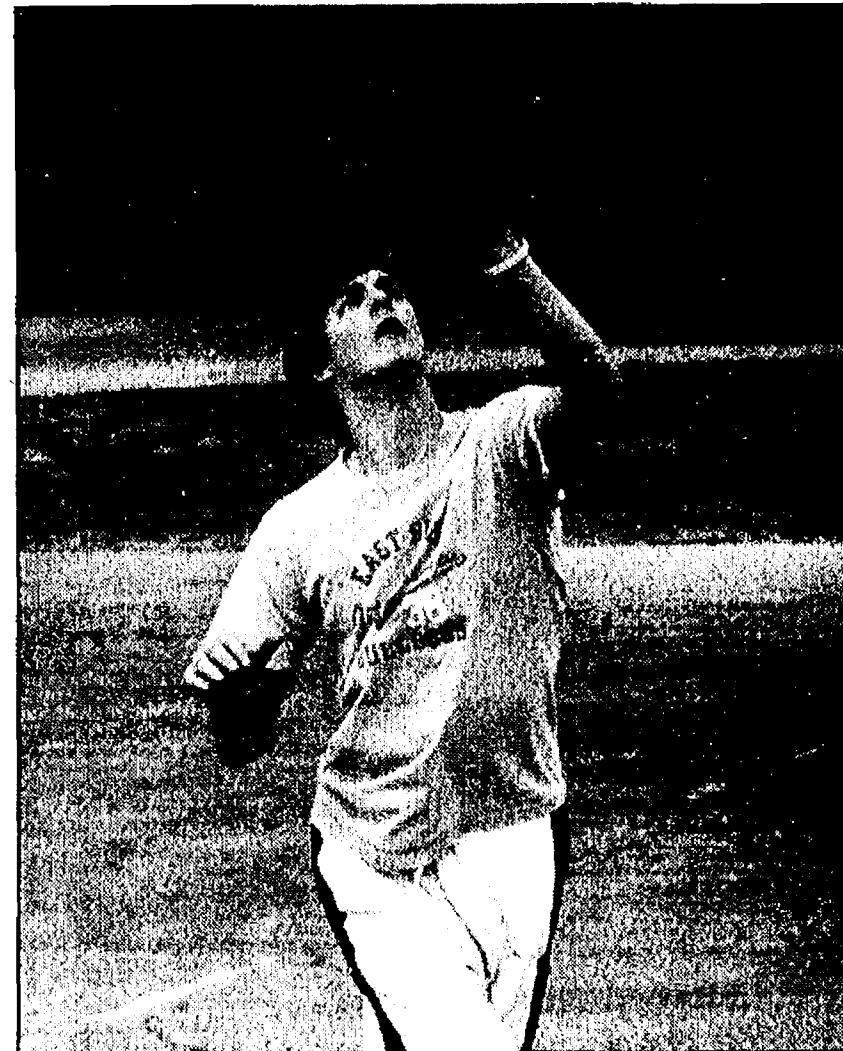


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Adam Gilbert snags a fly ball at practice the week before spring break.



Ron Johnston (left) and Ryan Feldhauser (right) track fly balls at a recent baseball practice.



Josh Mastej catches for Grayling.



Ryan Davis pitches for GHS during practice.

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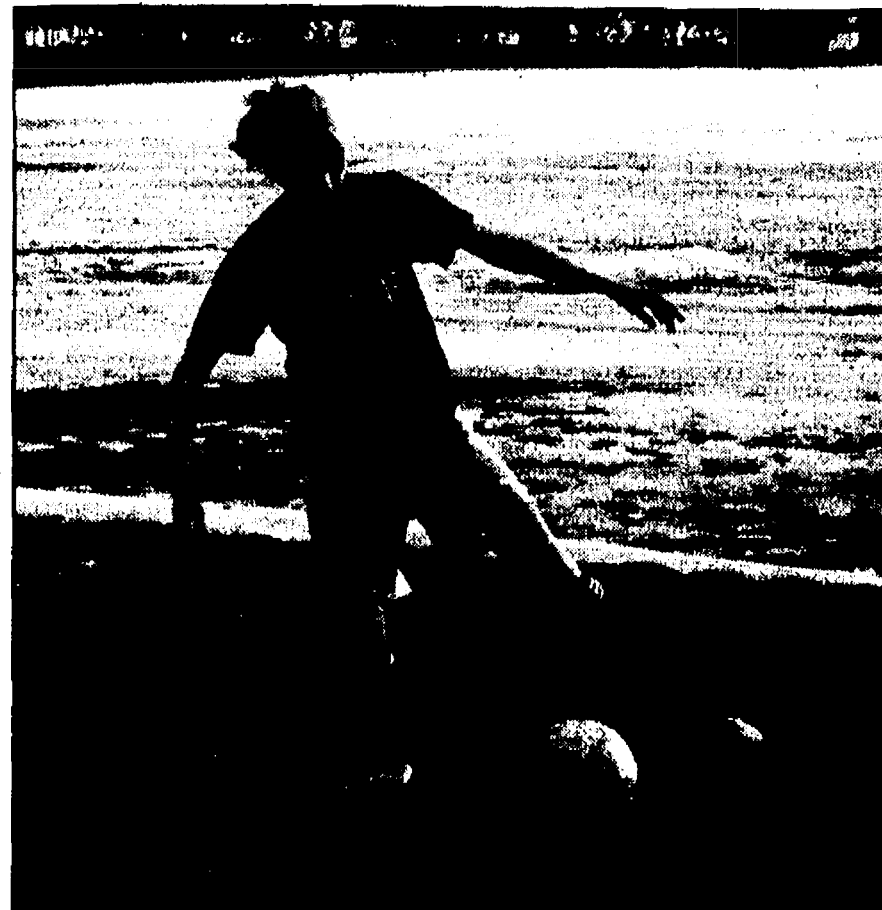
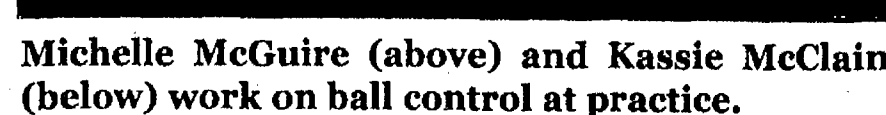
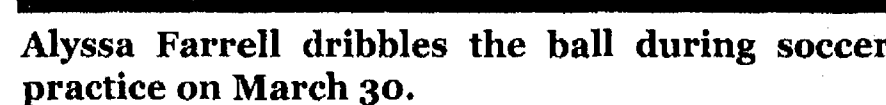
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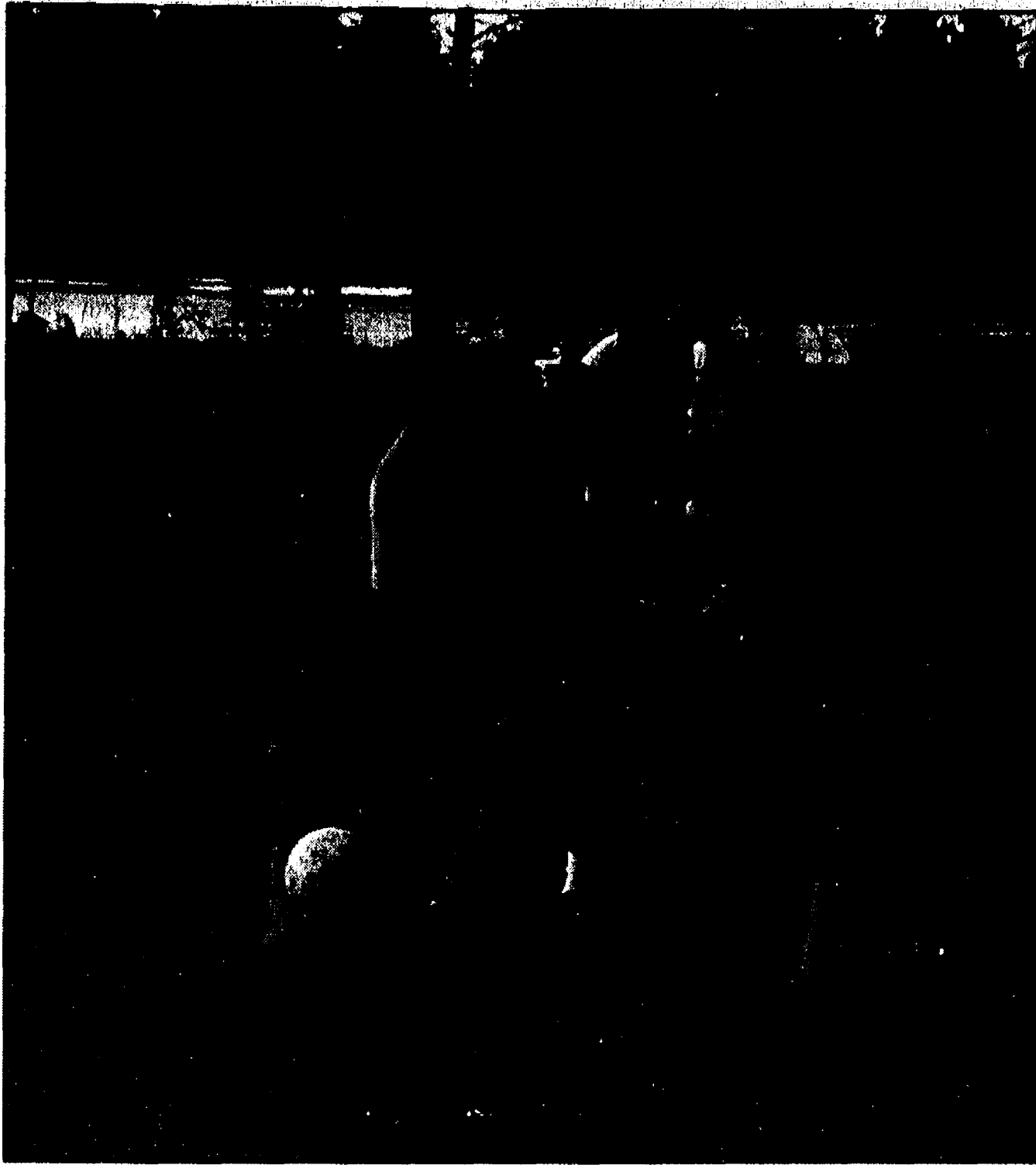
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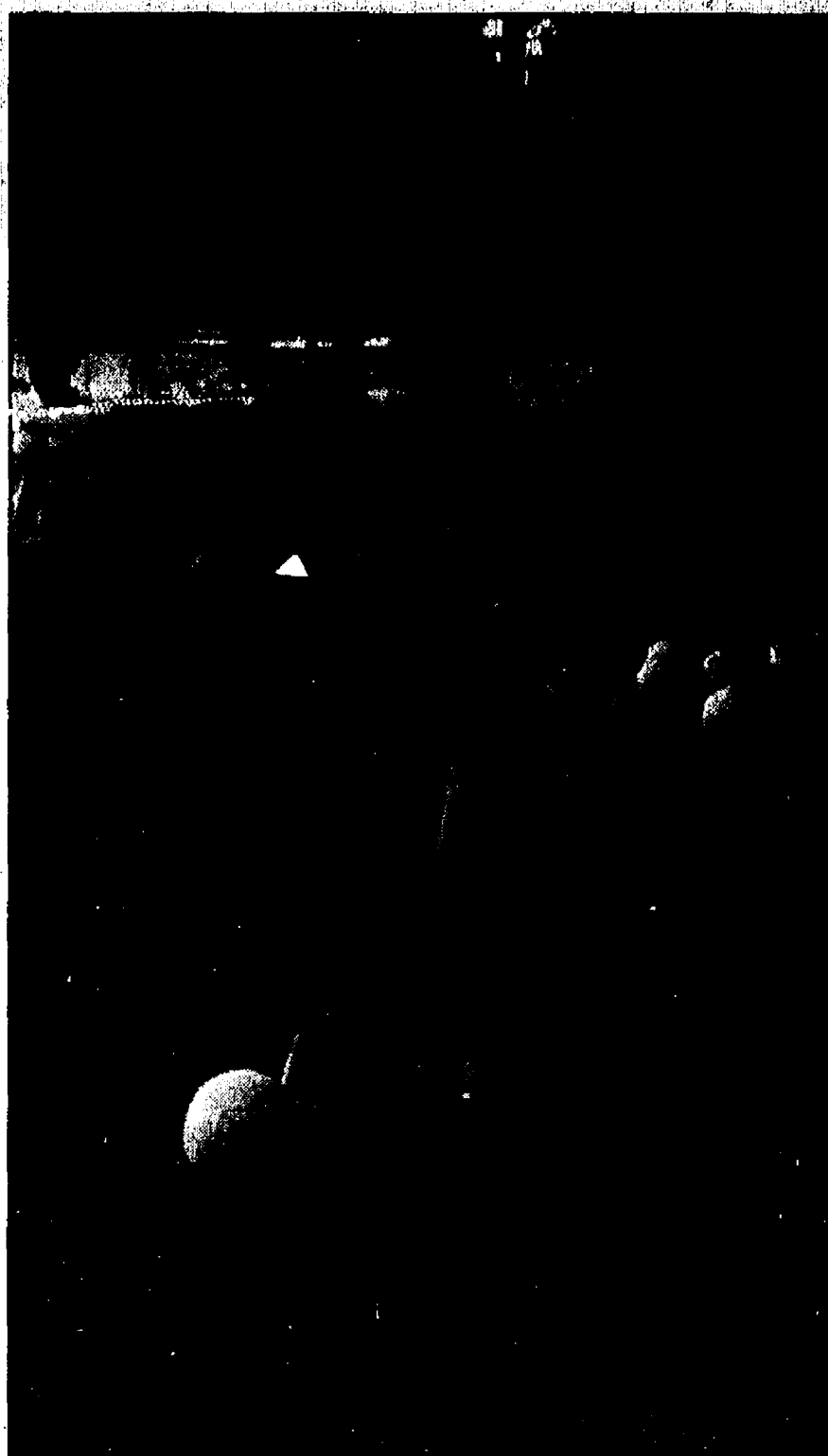
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Holly Derenzy dribbles the ball during varsity girls soccer practice on March 30.



Renee Clair handles the ball for the Vikings at a recent practice.

Girls soccer squad prepares for 2005 spring season

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practice field. "The weather hasn't been real cooperative. We're just now getting on the field, and only a quarter of it," Coach

Haven said on March 31. "We haven't been able to prepare like we'd like to."

Haven said his team's goal for this year is "just to improve on

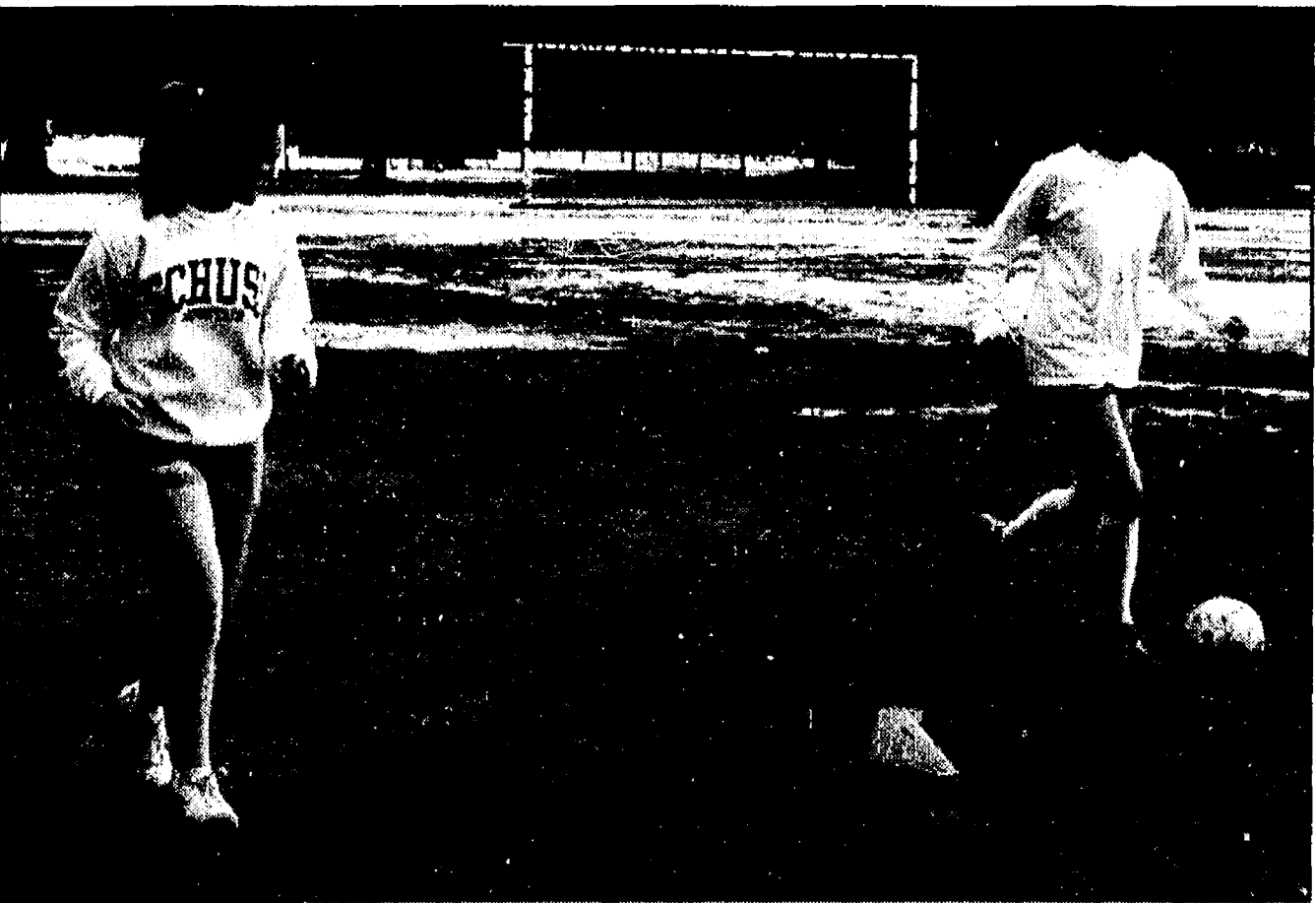
last year and play as tough as we can. The Lake Michigan Conference is a tough conference for soccer. We're hoping we can hold our own. I'm feeling good

about our prospects for this year."

The Vikings open their 2005 season with four road games, beginning with an April 12 contest at Harbor Springs. The team's home opener is scheduled for April 21 at 5 p.m.



Casey Mahaffy dribbles the ball at practice on Wednesday, March 30.



Amanda Moran (left) and Alyssa Farrell (right) work together during a passing drill.

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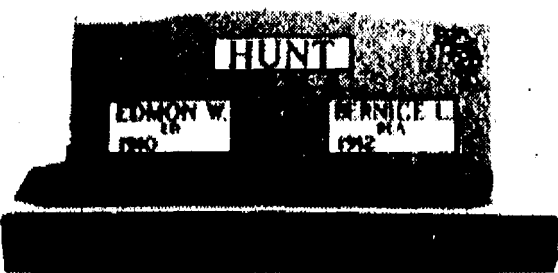
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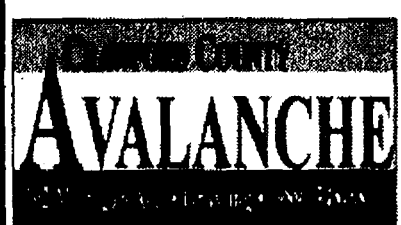
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Great Lakes experts wrestle with shifting Chinook stocks

by Shawn Smith
Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan conservation agencies, anglers and states bordering Lake Michigan are wrestling with the task of balancing predator and prey fish in the lake, which could mean cutting Chinook salmon stocking rates.

The alewife, the main prey for the Chinook, has nearly disappeared in Lake Huron and could be in danger of decreased numbers in Lake Michigan too as Chinook migrate between the lakes to find food.

To keep healthy populations of both species, state agencies may have to toggle Chinook stocking rates, fishing season lengths and catch allowances, said Chuck Pistis, a Michigan Sea Grant district agent in Grand Haven. Michigan Sea Grant is a research project for the Great Lakes headed by the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

One possibility is to stock lake herring, a forage fish native to the Great Lakes, Pistis said. This would provide the Chinook more food and allow them to maintain their weight, as less food has meant skinnier fish.

But solutions have yet to be debated by either the state or conservation groups, he added.

As much as 25 to 30 percent of the Department of Natural Resources-stocked Chinook have moved as a result of the decreased number of Lake Huron alewife.

"They are finding better pastures over in Lake Michigan and they're going there," said Jim Johnson, station manager for the DNR facility in Alpena.

A couple of normal-to-hard winters and an influx of zebra and quagga mussels have nearly eliminated the alewife in Lake Huron. But Lake Michigan's richer forage has helped to keep a steady population.

In April, groups from Lake Michigan's bordering states will meet in Benton Harbor to discuss the current status of the Chinook and how to manage the lake for the future.

The DNR started stocking Chinook in the 1960s to control the alewife population. As an exotic fish with virtually no natural predators, the alewife had overrun Great Lakes waters, and dead fish littered the shores.

But now that the Chinook reproduces naturally, the alewife population has plummeted, starting first in Lake Huron.

Nearly 80 percent of Lake Huron's roughly 10 million

Chinook have reproduced in the wild, meaning they aren't stocked fish, said Johnson. The DNR stocks roughly 4.6 million Chinook in Lake Huron and up to 2.5 million in Lake Michigan yearly.

The Chinook are reproducing rapidly in Canadian streams — something unseen before in the Great Lakes, Johnson said.

And more predators feeding on fewer prey means smaller Chinook, said Brandon Schroeder, a Michigan Sea Grant district agent in Tawas.

"The food fish has really kind of fallen out — when you have an abundance of predators," Schroeder said. "When I go out to catch Chinook, they're small and skinny and harder to catch."

The fewer and smaller Chinook could mean trouble for Lake Huron charter boat operators who depend on the fish for their livelihood, said Jeff Schaeffer, a research biologist for the Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor, a division of the U.S. Geological Survey.

"It's not a good situation at all if you are a charter fisherman, a charter angler or a charter captain who has depended on Chinook for their livelihood," Schaeffer said. "This has affected the recreational

fisheries a lot. If you fish the places you fished in the past, you aren't going to catch the salmon."

George Freeman, a charter boat captain in Ludington, said he isn't too worried about the drop in Chinook size.

And because of the amount of bait fish he sees, he opposes any cuts in stocking.

"We aren't catching the 30-pound fish that we used to catch," He said. "But we're seeing a lot of bait fish out there."

Freeman said keeping a balance is tough — too much stocking or too little could harm the fishery.

"I'm concerned about the Chinook fishery crashing, but I'm not concerned enough at this point to see stocking cut either, at least in Lake Michigan," he said.

But sport anglers probably won't suffer long, Johnson said. With alewife populations declining and Chinook following suit, native species such as lake trout, perch and walleye are having comebacks.

"It will be a short-term problem for sport fishing because sport salmon are the target fish," Johnson said. "This change will mean a big change for people who fish the open lake. The salmon fishery is going to be on the ropes."

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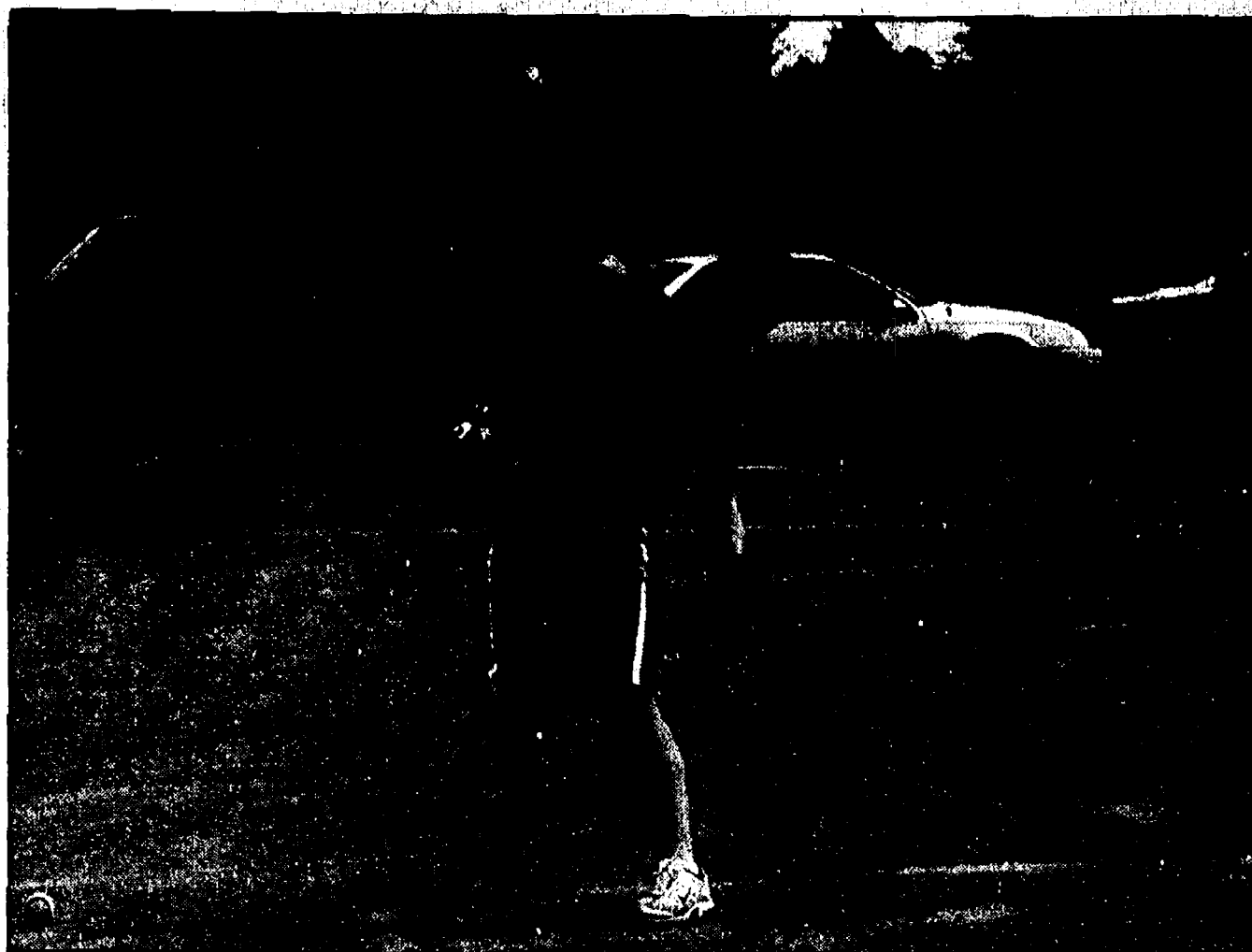
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Derek Johnston pitches at varsity baseball practice on March 30.

GHS baseball team prepares for start of 2005 season

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The Vikings started practicing on March 14. All practices prior to spring break, which began on Friday, April 1, were conducted indoors or in the GHS parking lot, since the baseball field still had snow on it as of March 31.

"A big question mark will be how many games we play with the northern Michigan weather," Coach Brock said, citing last year's several cancellations. "It's tough to keep the kids motivated without game action."

Brock said the team's overall goals for this year include a district championship and posting a better finish in the Lake Michigan Conference than last year (4th).

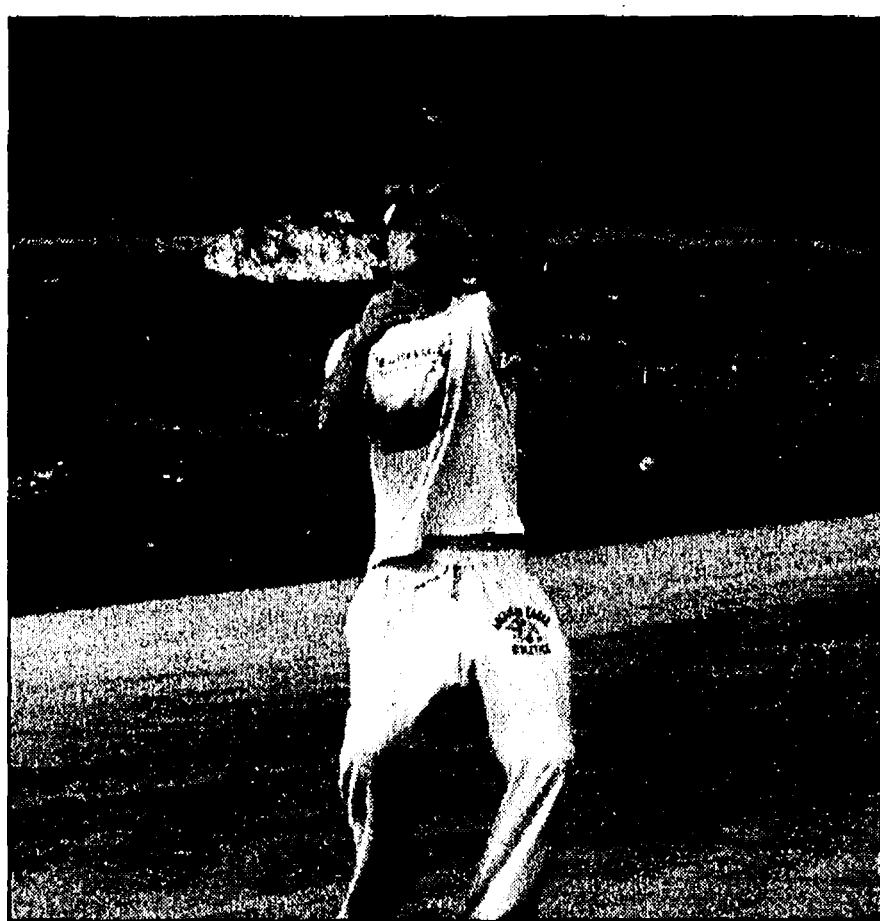
"We haven't had a district title here since 1993 and before that it was 1977. We haven't had a league championship since 1977. One of our team goals is to attain that," Coach Brock said.

"I can tell the kids are really excited about this season. They expect to do well. We feel we can do better than 4th in the league this year," Coach Brock said. "We're definitely a team that will get better as the season goes on."

Brock cited hitting, leadership, and speed as a few of the team's obvious strengths. "Just from watching them hit in the cage I can tell we have good swings. Obviously they learned the fundamentals somewhere along the line," he said.

The team's roster this year includes: Ryan Davis, senior, P/3B; DJ Metzger, senior, 1B/OF; Gibson Tobin, senior, SS/OF; Eli VanNuck, junior, 2B/OF; JC Schneider, junior, 1B/3B/P; Derek Eitzler, sophomore, SS/C/P; Josh Mastej, junior, C/1B; Russ Peters, senior, OF/P; Alex McNamara, senior, OF; Ronnie Johnston, junior, 2B/3B; Derek Johnston, senior, UTIL; Adam Gilbert, senior, OF; TJ Luke, senior, OF; Matt Swope, senior, OF; Ryan Feldhauser, junior, OF.

"With Metzger, Davis, and Gib Tobin we bring back a great core of senior leaders. They all came in for open gyms for the past two months, working on skills and



Ryan Davis tracks a fly ball at practice.

hitting in the cage," Coach Brock said.

Metzger was an all-conference first team selection last year. He batted .525 for the season.

Davis, an all-league honorable mention in 2004, hit .390 and posted a 3-1 record as a pitcher.

Tobin hit .390 last season and "will be an all-conference performer this year," Brock said.

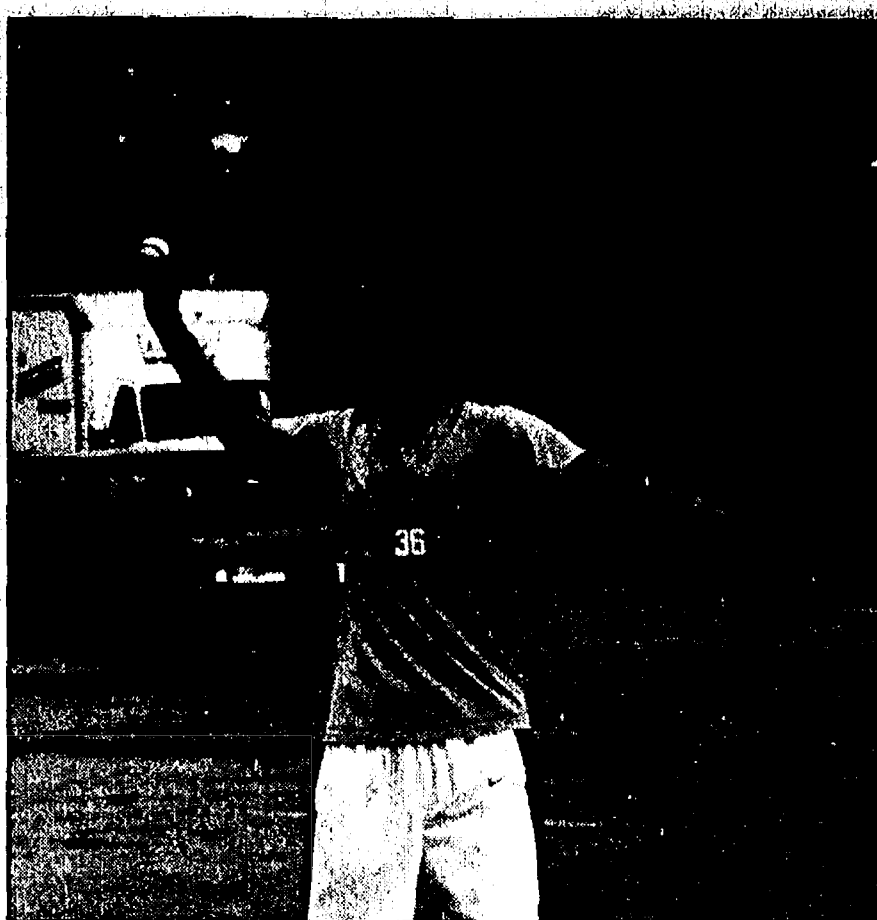
Eitzler, the team's only sophomore, was pulled up to the varsity level late last season as a freshman. "He had great numbers. We're looking for good things from him," Coach Brock said.

"The biggest question mark for us will be our pitching, with the loss of Roy Czapiek and Joe

Lange (to graduation). Our pitchers this year will be Metzger, Ryan Davis, along with JC Schneider, Eitzler, Russ Peters, and Eli VanNuck. Others are trying out for the position as well," Brock said.

"It's going to depend on who's pitching as to who plays defensive positions. We're strong in the middle infield positions. Some of those guys might end up playing outfield because of their speed," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings open their 2005 campaign this week with two away games: April 12 at Traverse City Central and April 14 at Gaylord. The team's home opener is set for Monday, April 18, vs. Roscommon at 4 p.m.



Ryan Feldhauser throws at practice.

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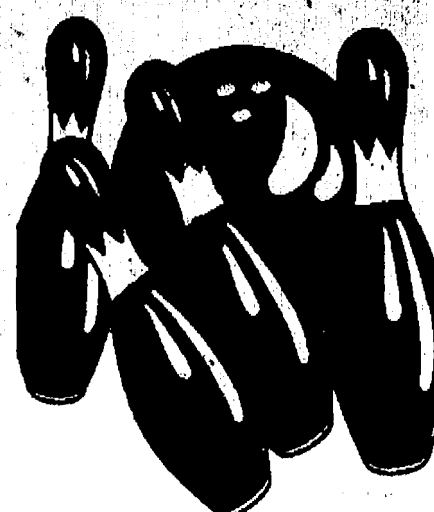
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IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to QUIET TITLE TO REAL ESTATE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 20, 2005. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

3/22/05

Honorable Alton T. Davis

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the

bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott H. Rouse, a married man and Catherine A. Rouse, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Plus of America Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2001, and recorded on November 20, 2001 in Liber 560 on Page 466, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eleven And 74/100 Dollars (\$78,311.74), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 18, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 7: Being part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 4 for a point of beginning and running thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes West along Section line, 1050.7 feet; thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds West, 415.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes East, 1054.64 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East along Section line, 415.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 14, 2005
 For more information, please call:
 FC F 248.593.1313
 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #052915F01

-14-21-28-5

Mortgage Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Herbert E. Stephan and Susan M. Stephan, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated September 5, 1984 and was recorded on September 5, 1984 in Liber 228 on pages 108 through 111 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight and 11/100 (\$63,458.11) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on April 27, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 11.875% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Lots 12 and 13, of OAK ACRES PARK, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 49, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL §600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 17, 2005

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL
 DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE
 FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION,
 OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PREPARED BY:
 JOHN TUCKER, P37348
 WINEGARDEN, HALEY,
 LINDHOLM & ROBERTSON, P.L.C.
 69460 S. SAGINAW STREET,

SUITE A
 GRAND BLANC, MI 48439
 (810) 767-3600

-17-24-31-7-14

Notice Of Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTN POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lewis R. Straubel, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 9, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on October 26, 2000, in Liber 521, Page(s) 358, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$96,110.34, together with interest at 11.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on May 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan:

Parcel P-1: Part of the W 1/2 of Sec 11, T28N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 11; distant N 00 Degrees 32'35" E along said 1/4 line 1449.30 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 11, thence N 54 Degrees 34' W 437.10 feet; Thence N 04 Degrees 58'30" E 955.74 feet; Thence S 89 Degrees 58' 20" E; 284.63 feet; thence S 00 Degrees 32'35" W; 1205.60 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BUDGET HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing for its 2005-2006 budget on Monday, April 25, 2005 at 7:30 pm, at the Grayling City Hall at 1020 City Boulevard. All citizens are invited to attend and provide council with written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the City's proposed budget. The proposed budget can be inspected by the public from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the City office before the meeting by calling 348-2131.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The discussion at this public hearing will also include consideration of the proposed millage rate to be levied for the 2005-2006 tax year and the relationship of the state equalized value and the taxable value of property and the changes for same between 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. The millage rate proposed in the 2005-2006 budget is 14.8 mills for operation and 0.0 mills for debt retirement. This millage rate is exactly the same as the 2004-2005 millage rate but will result in increased revenues due to increases in state equalized values and taxable values. The City of Grayling has complete authority to set the millage rate for city operations at any level below the charter limit.

Michele Moshier
 City Clerk
 Posted: April 7, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET

Frederic Township resident be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on April 25, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following case(s):

2005 Z 501 Owner: Gene & Katherine Miller, Petitioner
 4830 Snoopy Lane
 Frederic Township
 Parcel# 20-032-199-000-012-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to add-on a 10' x 14' addition to their existing residence, which is closer to the AuSable River than the 200-foot setback.

2005 Z 502 Owner: John & Barbara Ressler, Petitioner
 5837 Choctaw Trail
 Frederic Township
 Parcel# 20-030-002-006-040-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to build a 16' x 24' garage on their residence, which is closer to the AuSable River than the 200-foot setback. The petitioner is also requesting a variance on the front yard set back.

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept, P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8778.

Douglas Pratt
 Frederic Township Zoning Administrator

Dated: March 24, 2005
 For more information, please call:
 FC X 248.593.1302
 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #033979F02

-24-31-7-14

Mortgage Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgages made by Dale A. Larm and Doria L. Larm, husband and wife, and Richard A. Benfield, a single man, original mortgagors sale, to Duane C. LaMotte and Brenda L. LaMotte, husband and wife,

mortgagee, dated April 21, 2003 and recorded April 23, 2003 in Liber 629, Pages 630-632, and assigned by such mortgagee to David I. Nethers and Valerie A. Nethers, husband and wife, by Assignment recorded on September 21, 2004 in Liber 671, Page 597, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of \$43,450.24, including interest at the rate of 11 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and applicable statutes in the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue, inside the main lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, at 10 a.m. on May 4, 2005.

The premises are located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 44 and 45, Shangri-La Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241A, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: March 23, 2005
 Mark R. Maddox P25385
 Attorney for mortgagee David I. Nethers and Valerie A. Nethers
 5820 Eastman Avenue
 Midland MI 48640
 989/839-9909

-31-7-14-21

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel B. Gallagher, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Paramount Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2001, and recorded on July 17, 2001 in Liber 542 on Page 49, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty And 87/100 Dollars (\$37,860.87), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2005
 For more information, please call:
 FC X 248.593.1302
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #051557F01

24-31-7-14

LEGAL ACTION

THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ORDINANCE # 2005-01

Adopted: March 28, 2005

Effective Date: April 17, 2005

Preamble

An ordinance of the City of Grayling, adopting the 2003 edition of the *International Fire Code*, regulating and governing the safe-guarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life of property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Grayling; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and repealing any previous editions of adopted fire codes.

The City of Grayling does ordain as follows:

Section 1.

That two (2) copies of the *International Fire Code*, 2003 edition, one of which is on file in the Grayling City Clerk's Office, and one of which is on file in the office of the Chief of the Grayling City/Twp. Fire Department, including all Appendix Chapters as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Grayling, in the State of Michigan, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life of property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 2.

That the following sections are hereby revised:

Section 101.1 Insert: City of Grayling, State of Michigan

Section 109.3 Insert:

- A. Failure to comply with any provision of Ordinance 2005-01 as amended carries a penalty of.....\$100.
- B. First repeat offense carries a penalty of.....\$250.
- C. Second or subsequent offenses carries a penalty of.....\$500.

Section 111.4 Insert:

- A. Failure to comply with any provision of Ordinance 2005-01 as amended carries a penalty of.....\$100.
- B. First repeat offense carries a penalty of.....\$250.
- C. Second or subsequent offenses carries a penalty of.....\$500.

Section 308.2 Added:

No person shall intentionally start or maintain any non-domestic purpose fire that involves yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and brush or household trash or building materials in any street or open area.

Section 3.

That the geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2003 *International Fire Code* are hereby established as follows:

Section 3204.3.1.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers is prohibited): Any point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, not zoned industrial. Cryogenic fluids must be stored inside of buildings.

Section 3404.2.9.5.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited): Any geographic point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, zoned Single-Family Residential (R-1), Multiple Family Residential (R-2). Above-ground storage of Class I and Class II liquids, outside of buildings, must conform to zoning setback requirements for each district.

Section 3406.2.4.4 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks inside of buildings is prohibited): Any geographic point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, not zoned industrial.

Section 3804.2 (geographic limits in which the storage of liquefied petroleum gas in excess of typical residential use (water capacity equivalent of 2,000 gallons) is prohibited): Any geographic point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, not zoned industrial.

Section 4.

That Ordinance No. 97-1 of the City of Grayling entitled the BOCA Fire Prevention Code / 1993 is hereby repealed.

Section 5.

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City of Grayling hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases by declared unconstitutional.

Section 6.

That nothing in this ordinance or in the Fire Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 7.

That the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published in a local newspaper of record.

Section 8.

That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect 20-days from and after the date of its final passage.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2005.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgage. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald G. Vrandenburg, Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 883, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank National Association, Trustee for the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-FF6 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty And 88/100 Dollars (\$65,280.88), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: March 24, 2005
For more information, please call:

FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank National Association, Trustee for the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-FF6

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051691F01

-24-31-7-14

Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald S. Hodder and Marcella L. Hodder, husband and wife, to America's MoneyLine Inc., mortgagee, dated November 8, 2002 and recorded November 26, 2002 in Liber 609, Page 296, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a New York Banking Corporation, as Custodian by assignment dated November 8, 2002 and recorded on November 26, 2002 in Liber 609, Page 307, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight and 43/100 Dollars (\$165,958.43) including interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: And known as being the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan. Be the same more or less, but

subject to all legal highways. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: March 24, 2005 ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a New York Banking Corporation, as Custodian, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 244.1309 ASAP638706 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14

Short Foreclosure Notice - Crawford County

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TAMMY J. BYARS, A SINGLE WOMAN to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2003, and recorded on May 5, 2003 in Liber 632 on Page 176, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND 89/100 DOLLARS (\$96,471.89), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on May 4, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 10, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN. TAX PARCEL ID#: 030-010-003-040-00

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 21, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.

Mortgagee
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075

-31-7-14-21

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002

CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS 2005 SCHEDULE FOR YARD WASTE PICK UP

Tuesday	April	19
Tuesday	May	03 and 17
Tuesday	June	07 and 21
Tuesday	July	19
Tuesday	August	02 and 16
Wednesday	September	07
Tuesday	September	20
Tuesday	October	04 and 18
Tuesday	November	01 and 15

Details can be obtained by logging on to the City's web site at www.cityofgrayling.org or by calling the City office at 348-2131.

NOTICE TO SOUTH BRANCH REGISTERED VOTERS SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

Please take notice of the NEW POLLING LOCATION located in Higgins Township at: 700 Fifth St., Roscommon, MI.

New voter identification cards have been mailed to reflect this location change for school elections only.

Laura Smith, South Branch Township Clerk

NOTICE TO ALL CRAWFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Crawford County Animal Control Department will be conducting a dog census. The purpose of the census is to ensure compliance with the Crawford County Animal Control Ordinance. All dogs need to have a current rabies vaccination and be licensed. Failure to comply with the Animal Control Ordinance will result in a fine of \$135.00. Licenses may be purchased at the Crawford County Treasurer's office. The Treasurer's office is opened Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:30.

Paul Compo
Administrator

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 15, 1982 - RECEIVES ROTARY HONOR- Nelson Miles, third from left, was recently installed as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Grayling Rotary Club. The award is the highest honor a club can bestow on a member. Charter (original) members pictured were also honored. They include Loren Goodale Sr., Pat Nunn, Miles, John Sojka, Paul Thomson, Art Weideman and Harvey Rowland. Not pictured John Naour.

23 Years Ago

April 15, 1982

The Grayling city and Township Fire Department will provide fire protection for Weyerhaeuser through a special agreement made this week with Beaver Creek Township.

The Albert Township Board voted April 6 not to contract for a hydrological study necessary to go ahead with a sewage project near Cobb Road. The DNR told the board funding priority for the Lewiston project has been set back until 1984.

The original bell of the Grayling St. John Church, was moved safely from the church on Michigan Avenue to its new home on Spruce. The bell, made in 1893, was donated to the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church that year by Mr. and Mrs. Nels Peter Olson. That

church was located on Ionia Street. The bell was moved in 1965 to the Michigan Avenue church. The bell was moved into its new home in a tower house last week and started ringing again for Easter services.

46 Years Ago

April 16, 1959

The Don Millikins and the William Jack Millikins are taking care of two hound puppies which someone abandoned east of Grayling a couple weeks ago before the pup's eyes were open, apparently leaving them to freeze. There were four in the group but two of them didn't recover.

Governor G. Mennen Williams, of Michigan, met with Governor Michael V. DiSalle, of Ohio, to discuss the possibility of the Ohio National Guard using Michigan's Camp Grayling for 1960 training.

Also discussed by the two governors were problems concerning Chicago's attempt to divert Great Lakes water to its use.

A new twelve unit motel will soon be under construction on US-27 in Grayling. John Desso, formerly of Gaylord, had purchased a plot of land from the Sisters of Mercy where the old Mercy Hospital stood.

Don K. Gothro, Grayling City Councilman, and Mayor pro tem of Grayling for several terms, was named as the new mayor of Grayling at the regular City Council meeting last Monday night.

Miss Kay Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Warner, has been named Valedictorian of the graduating class of 1959, Grayling High School. Miss Rae Linda Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wheeler, has been designated as Salutatorian. Kay accumulated a point average of 3.96, while Rae came next with a point average of 3.65.

69 Years Ago

April 16, 1936

George Burke has purchased the Willis Ketzbeck hunting cabin and property on the East Branch. This is located about 2 1/2 miles north of the city in the midst of splendid game cover where there are deer and tame birds. The East Branch river crosses over one corner of the property and furnishes good trout fishing.

At no time in recent years has it looked more favorable for action on the bridge across the Straits of Mackinac, connecting the Upper and Lower peninsulas, than it

does today. One of the outstanding reasons is the possibility of federal aid and the solid backing of the people up north on a definite program.

92 Years Ago

April 17, 1913

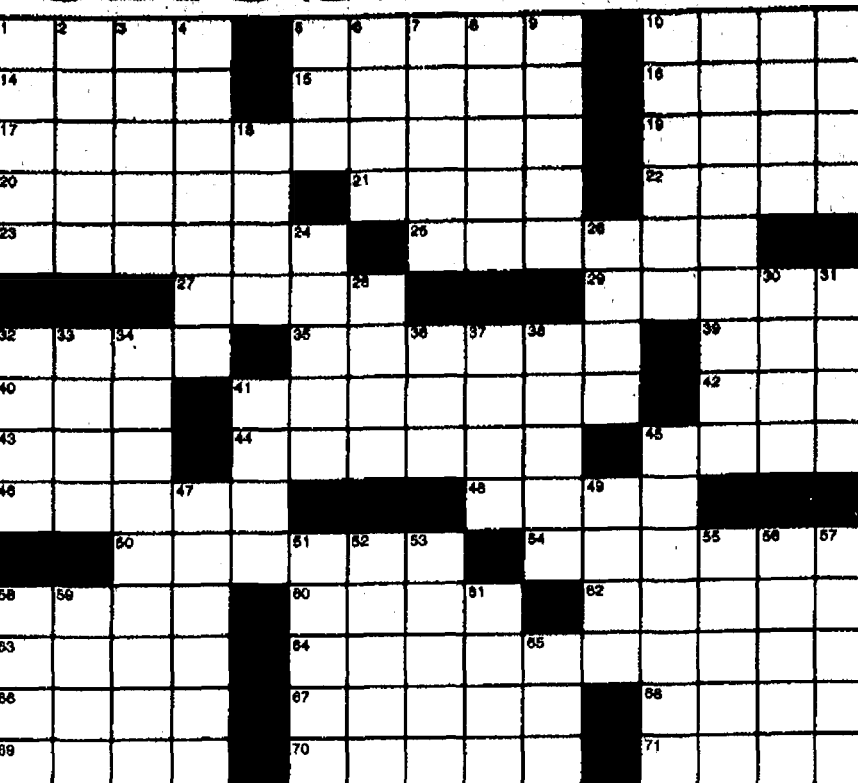
F.H. Milks has added two new men to his meat market force, Charles Williamson of Chicago as meat cutter, and Irving Hodge as delivery boy.

E. Matson is now located in his new barber shop over Lewis' drug store. Frankie Gierke has located in the shop vacated by Mr. Matson.

The Model Bakery has installed a new modern bake oven. It has about double the capacity of the old oven and Mr. Cassidy says it is working to perfection.

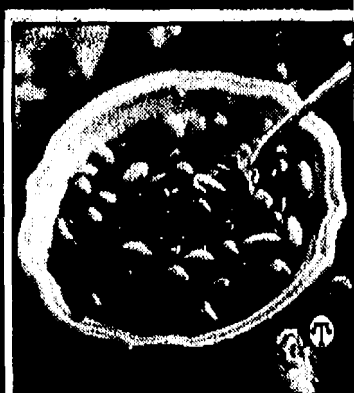
Last week several arrests were made in the vicinity of Baldwin, and our Deputy State Game Warden, R. S. Babbitt had a full hand in the affair. Altogether about 700 pounds of trout were confiscated, which the parties had speared the nights previous to their arrests. One party of four that were arrested by Mr. Babbitt had nearly 300 pounds of trout in their wagon and had just started home. He says that four rainbow trout were picked out of the lot that weighed about 15 pounds; these were all female fish. Both parties were operating on the Manistee river in Elk's township. The officers took the mens boats, spears, nets and jacks for evidence. They all pleaded not guilty and were released on bonds.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Professional female Egyptian dancer.
 - Former title for Turkish officials.
 - World Soul in Hinduism.
 - the Wild Wind, starring 34 down.
 - Russian peasants' cooperative.
 - Miner's Daughter, starring Tommy Lee Jones.
 - Played Albert in The Birdcage.
 - Expression of long hesitation.
 - Revoke a legacy.
 - Snarl or growl.
 - Frosts a cake.
 - Hasidic group leader.
 - John _ Jack on Three's Company.
 - Window, starring Jimmy Stewart.
 - Burst forth.
 - Indian prince or king.
 - 2001 film starring Corey Feldman.
 - Intense anger.
 - In the past.
 - Robert _ Johnny in The Sting.
 - View.
 - Exclamation of encouragement.
 - Outbreak.
 - Astin, Sam in The Lord of the Rings trilogy.
 - Barry Livingston role on My Three Sons.
 - Bad for _ Other, starring Charlton Heston.
 - Mathau, Max in Grumpy Old Men.
 - Yellow-flowered shrub of the rose family.
 - When _ Loves a Woman, starring Andy Garcia.
 - God of love.
 - Peter _ British tenor.
 - Ottoman ruler's Christian subject.
 - Played Luke in Cool Hand Luke.
 - Glazed sweet cake.
 - Up and about.
 - Formal contents of a culture.
 - Sledge.
 - of Doubt, starring Joe Lando.
 - The _ Hunter, starring Robert De Niro.
- DOWN**
- Desi _ , Ricky on I Love Lucy.
 - Variant of "Leda."
 - Paired.
 - Source of ephedrine.
 - Peter _ , starring Jason Isaacs.
 - Hanks, starring Chambers Steven.
 - Series of steps.
 - Robert _ , U.S. painter.
 - Wide-awake.
 - In more pain.
 - Starred with 64 across in The Color of Money.
 - 1974 film starring Robert Preston as Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside.
 - Anything given as charity.
 - French for "girlfriend."
 - Casey _ , host of "The American Top 20."
 - Reprimanded severely.
 - Tale; story.
 - Acronym for Pension Real Estate Association.
 - Wolf, starring Michael J. Fox.
 - The _ Breed, starring Brian Keith.
 - John _ , Peter in Sands of Iwo Jima.
 - Played Colonel Kirby in The Green Berets.
 - Acronym for All Fired Up.
 - Short, informal letter.
 - Squeaky sound.
 - American _ , starring David Carradine.
 - Cursed oneself.
 - Sylvia, Canadian folk act.
 - Wild edible mushroom.
 - Compounds used as insect sterilants.
 - Rub out.
 - 666, starring Lou Diamond Phillips.
 - Grass cloth plant.
 - Muslim ruler's decree.
 - Ed _ , Lou on The Mary Tyler Moore Show.
 - Arbitrators.
 - Handle roughly.
 - Lost footing.
 - Acronym for Naval Radio Station.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



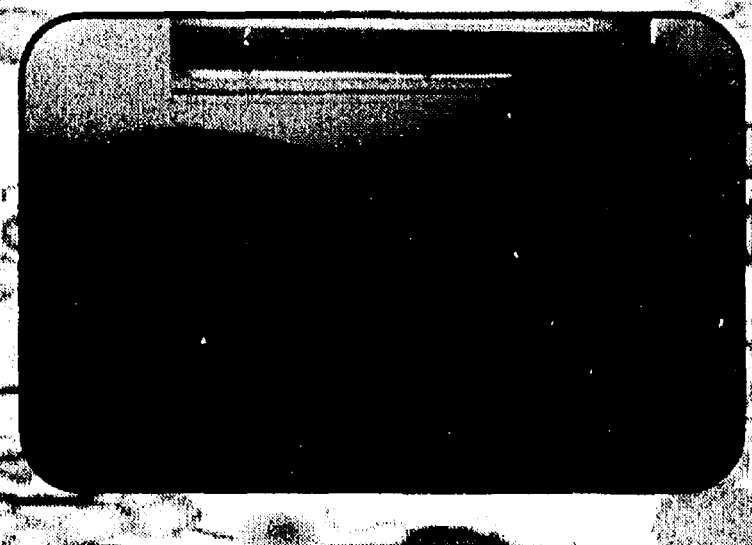
SPILL THE BEANS MINESTRONE

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| 1 | tablespoon olive oil | 1 | can (14 1/2 ounces) Italian-style stewed tomatoes |
| 1 | medium onion, chopped | 2 | cups chopped kale or Swiss chard (optional) |
| 2 | cloves garlic, finely chopped | 1/2 | cup uncooked small shell-shaped pasta |
| 2 | cans (14 1/2 ounces each) reduced sodium chicken or vegetable broth | 1/4 | teaspoon Italian seasoning |
| 1 | can (15 1/2 ounces) reduced sodium garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained | 1/4 | teaspoon crushed red pepper |
| 1 | can (15 1/2 ounces) reduced sodium red kidney beans, rinsed and drained | | Grated Parmesan cheese (optional) |

In medium saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Cook and stir onion and garlic 3 to 5 minutes or until onion is translucent. Add broth, beans, tomatoes, kale (if desired), pasta and seasonings; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until pasta is tender. Serve with Parmesan cheese, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Rocky is a 6 month old hound mix. He is gentle and gets along with everyone. He is neutered and has all of his shots.

For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Janet Andrews at Northern Tails Grooming 989-344-9999.

Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank, The Copy Shop, 7-11, Scheer Motors and the shelter.

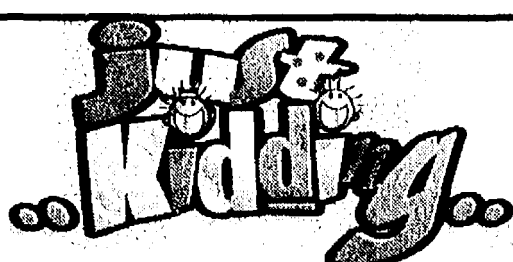
The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

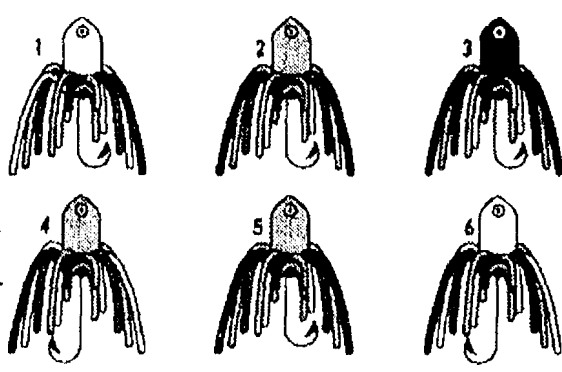
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Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
4/6	73	34	0	High 62	High 65	High 65	High 65	High 66	High 58
4/7	67	35	.06	Low 29	Low 31	Low 33	Low 28	Low 33	Low 37
4/8	61	38	0	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Shower	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
4/9	61	24	0						
4/10	66	28	0						
4/11	70	32	0						
4/12	59	30	0						



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

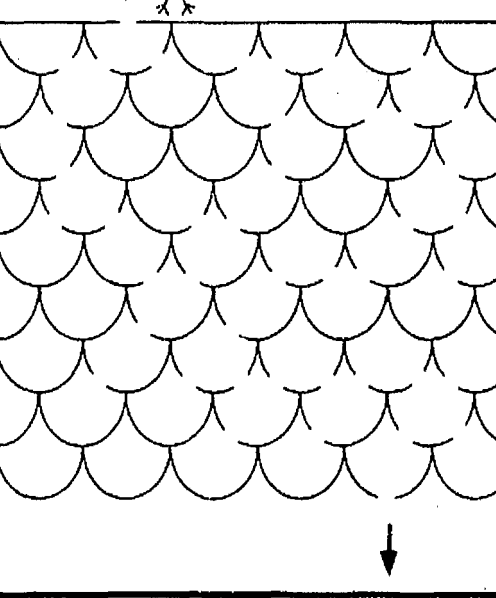


DID YOU KNOW ??

By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back you can't sink in quick sand.

MAZE

Start Here Help the bird find his way down the roof.



HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 14, 2005



CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19

You like to call the shots, but if you want to succeed this week, you're going to have to step aside and let someone more experienced take the reins.



ARIES
March 21-April 19

Charge too much this week, Aries, and it could get you into the financial doghouse. A friend is icy. Don't assume you're at fault. Something else may be going on.



TAURUS
April 20-May 20

Tsk, tsk, Taurus. You put your foot in your mouth at a party, offending the host. Think outside of the box and come up with something special to get back into their good graces.



LEO
July 23-August 22

You can't evade the issue any longer. A relative is upset with you and wants to discuss it. Time to sit down and talk face-to-face. A phone call brings good news.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Bravo, Scorpio. Your sense of decorum prevents you from making a spectacle at a party. Share your wisdom with a friend who tends to fly off the handle at the wrong times.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

You don't know what to say when a friend divulges a secret. Take some time to yourself to recover. Then act with caution.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Relax this week, Virgo. You've been swamped with work and need some time to unwind and catch up with family. A little fun wouldn't hurt either.



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Real Estate

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Mobile home with two additions,
3 bedrooms, close to town,
\$75,000. 989-348-4981 (-24-31-
7-14/1)

Real Estate

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Box 3.4 acres, 1,687 square feet,
2003-2004 renovations, security
system, central air, pre approved
buyers only \$150,000. 989-348-
3935 (-31-7-14-21/1)

Real Estate

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AREA 2 bedroom, 1 bath home
with pole barn on a wooded 1
acre lot, near state land. Priced to
sell \$79,900. Northwest Land
Co. 989-344-6093 (-14-21-28-
5/1)

Real Estate

GRAYLING SURVEYED 2.5
ACRES Rolling valley, great
view, near AuSable main stream,
state land, \$17,900 by owner.
989-348-7355 (3/17/05tf/1)

Real Estate

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Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

AUTO GLASS repair and
replacement now available at JJ's
Auto Glass. 348-7710
(1/6/05TF/1)

Real Estate

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New windows, drywall, carpet,
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Same day occupancy, \$82,500.
MLS 237385. Call Coldwell
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Real Estate

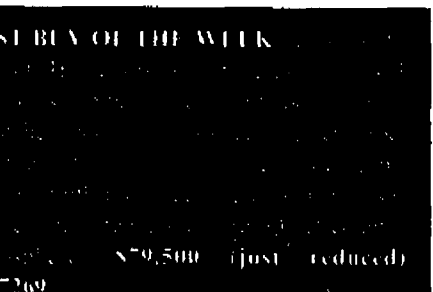
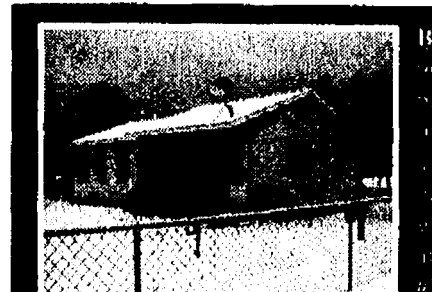
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Stop paying off your landlord's mortgage!
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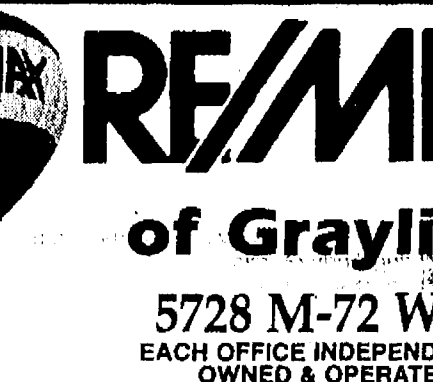
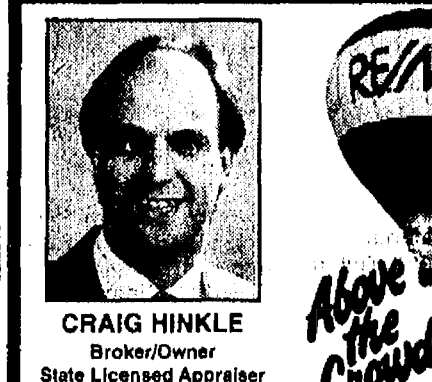
Real Estate

Exceptional
1,760 sq. ft. home
on 4+ acres is definitely worth
taking a look at! The kitchen is
right out of a magazine. 32x40
garage. Don't forget about the
full basement! Second story can
be finished for additional living
space...\$195,000 #5449



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GETAWAY with 1056 sq. ft. close to
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let stove, all appliances, newer full
bath and an outside handicap ramp
access. US detached garage and shed.
Being sold "AS IS" \$75,000 #237653

Call Diann Murphy at
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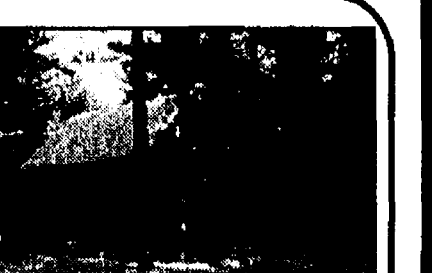


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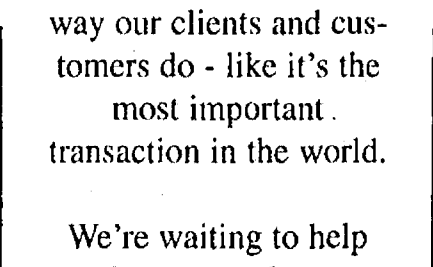
When you're ready to buy
or ready to sell, we're
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THIS GORGEOUS 2,800 S.F. HALF LOG HOME
JUST COMPLETED ON 10 ACRES ADJOINING
STATE LAND 3BR/2BA custom knotty pine interior.
Great-room features Fieldstone Fireplace and
Trapezoid windows. 10x40 screened porch over-
looking natural hillside setting. 3-car finished garage.
30x40 pole barn. Other features: What a Master BR
Suite! 18x30, plus 2 dormers, a gas fireplace, and
door-wall onto deck. A must see! CH-1026 \$269,000

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sales than other real estate
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LAKE MARGRETHE HARBOR BEACH WITH DEEDED
CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARED SANDY
BEACH Well built 3 story chateau offers 2 separate levels
that have kitchens, bath, living room and bedrooms.
Perfect for entertaining. Beamed ceilings with pickled
white wash. Ceramic tile in bath, black top click drive-
way. All appliances. Extensive cedar decking. Mature
red and white pines on the property. Property adjoins
Bucktail park. Private boat slip #7 with dock. Priced at
with volleyball court and basketball. Private road.
CS-2047 \$185,000



SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE
FAMOUS AUSABLE RIVER.
Elevated 205 feet ftg. offers privacy
yet an expansive view of the entire
valley. The 1.95 acres borders
1,000's of acres of the Huron
National Forest to the South.
\$85,000. CH-2023

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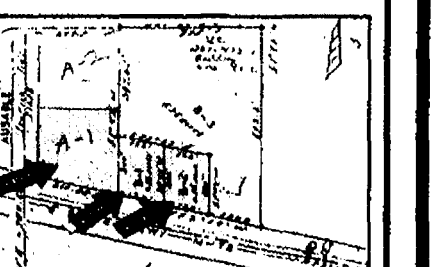
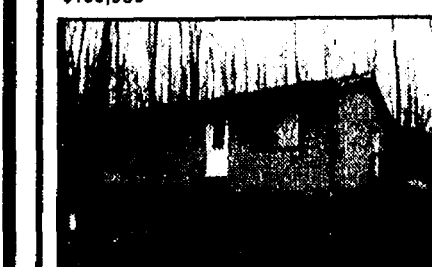
WOODY AMBIENCE AND A BREEZY LOCATION!
Make nature your neighbor in the ranch style 1400
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ment center in the living area. Comes complete with
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borhood at a affordable price. Turn key immediate
occupancy. Extra lot adjoining available for \$3,500.
CS-2053 \$73,500



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THIS 1,632 SQ. FT. HOME OVERLOOKS
10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS
and the valley. It features: two skylights,
extensive knotty pine interior accent, six-
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baths, plus a security system. Two garages
& most furniture negotiable. CH-2037
\$159,900

SECLUDED SALT BOX 2.5 ACRES-CLOSE
TO GRAYLING This 1,248 sq. ft. 3 BR home
features country flair with pine wood flooring &
trim, vaulted ceilings, open stair case, wood-
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insulated/heated deck, garage with water, 12x14
barn, and two doorways which overlook the
naturally landscaped property. Price includes
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and 12x8 deck. CH-2056 \$141,900

165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUS-
ABLE RIVER. Handyman special sits 50'
from the river's edge with picturesque setting offer-
ing 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room
with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached
garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl
shed. Cement patio with stone design into
entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000



HIGGINS LAKE ACCESS Secluded among
beautiful hardwoods with ideal recreation
potential. This 1,120 sq. ft. 2 BR home has
never been lived in! Features include large
open living-kitchen-dining area, drywall inter-
ior, and over sized master BR. The naturally
landscaped yard includes a fire pit, picnic table
& swing set. Immediate occupancy. CH-2040
\$79,900

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10 ACRES SURROUNDED BY STATE LAND 2000 sq.
ft. Ranch 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large great room island
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Landscaped with electrical, lighting, water and pet area.
Units of storage inside and out, especially with 3 car
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bile trails. Plenty more, it's a must see to appreciate the
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Real Estate



Grab your fishing poles! This great
home has 348 feet on May Lake, which
is a perfect 10 acre fishing or paddle
boat spot. Want more? Just take a walk
to the AuSable River...This place has it
all. \$115,000 #5352



Outstanding Location! High visibili-
ty and exposure. 4,920 square foot
building right on the corner of James
Street and the I-75 Business Loop.
Buy or Lease. Owner will remodel to
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Real Estate



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IN THE CLASSIFIED
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Real Estate



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NEW LISTING
Great little cabin on 10 acres: Secluded
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miles from Manistee Lake, only 1 mile
from Round Lake and Oxbow Lake.
Everything is new in this 2 bedroom
cabin. Must See! \$85,000 #5487

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Newer home near Lake Margrethe! 3
bedroom, 2 bath, central air, vaulted
ceiling with 2 car garage close to all
your "Up North" fun activities: snow-
mobiling, boating, golfing, skiing, hik-
ing, biking and more! \$75,000 #5460

NEW LISTING
Framed home ready to be finished by you!
This 1,300 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath
home with attached two car garage is situated on a 1.1
acre parcel in Karen Woods. Well and Septic
system is installed. Property also includes an
insulated and heated storage building. A steal
at \$42,000 #5486

REDUCED
Beautiful, like new home with 3+
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Completely finished basement, dou-
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Near Lake Margrethe: 1,768 sq. ft. home
featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a 15x15 fam-
ily room & a 16x25 living room, 2 car
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Presenting a warm and inviting
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Bedrooms/1 bath, knotty pine interior,
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2 For Rent
WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$400 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE, individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395.00/month. 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (-7-14-21-28-5-12/2)

ROOM RENTAL fully furnished \$99.00 per week, single occupancy, contact 989-344-9000. (-10-17-24-31-7-14-21-28/2)

LAKE MARGRETHE PRIVILEGES 1 bedroom cabin, single occupancy preferred. \$350 per month, \$200 deposit, includes utilities. References, no pets. Call after 5:00 p.m. 348-2318. (-14-21/2)

LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage plus nice storage building. Some appliances, no pets, one year lease. \$650 per month plus \$650 deposit. 989-390-0792 (-24-31-7-14-21/2)

1. Real Estate

Are you looking for a nice home or investment in the City of Grayling, close to shopping & downtown? Take a look at this 2 story with wood & natural gas heat. Comes with storage shed, garden spot for those fresh grown veggies. With some TLC you could have an awesome home or rental. Property is zoned C-2 commercial with approvals. Stove, fridge, washer/dryer included. Don't let it slip by!! #5481 \$70,000

Century 21
Residence:
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RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling, one bedroom units available. Persons must be 62 years or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent is based on income. No minimum rent. Send this ad and receive your first month rent free. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal housing opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-7-14-21-28/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pick-up included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (4/7/05tf/2)

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2 BEDROOM DUPLEX, \$425 per month, plus utilities, plus security. 348-5230 (-14-21/2)

2. For Rent
Building Rental
Retail or office space downtown approximately 1,800 sq. ft. Available January 2005. For more information call Linda at
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FOR RENT
Grayling Housing Commission
Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income
Maximum Ceiling Rents
1 Bedroom.....\$400
Rent Includes Utilities
308 Lawndale Drive
989-348-9314

1. Real Estate

NICE CLEAN TWO-BED-ROOM duplex. Natural gas, lawncare, laundry hookups, no smoking, \$410, 8110 Insley Ave. 348-2175 (04/14/05tf/2)

EFFICIENCY CABINS FOR RENT, \$330 per month, \$330 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Close to town, utilities included. 989-348-5124 (-14-21-28/2)

GAYLORD, 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath in town. Large duplex, very clean, garage, utilities included, \$935/month. Without utilities, \$800. (989)732-6546 (-14-21-28-5/2)

THE BROOK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY. Offering independent and assisted living apartments for seniors. Locations in Roscommon, West Branch and soon in Houghton Lake and Gladwin. 989-275-4000 (-31-7-14/2)

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9. Personals

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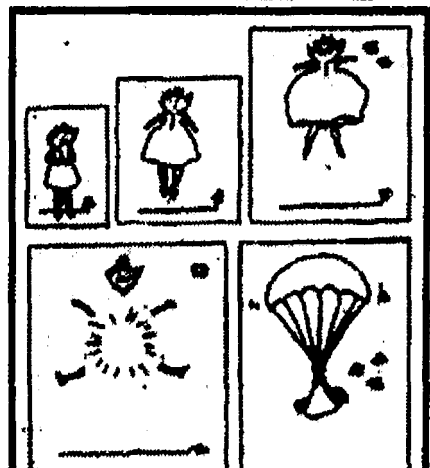
10. Garage Sales

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9. Personals



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MOVING SALE THIS FRIDAY, Saturday and Sunday, 401 Alexa Lane, Grayling Mobile Estates, 26 years of sporting goods, kitchen items, bedding, furniture, appliances, old glasses and dishes, waterbeds, some baby items and more! (-14/10)

11. Automotive

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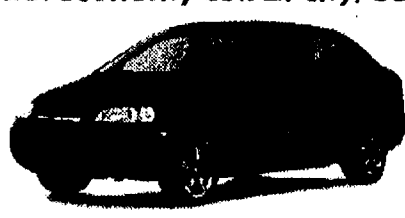
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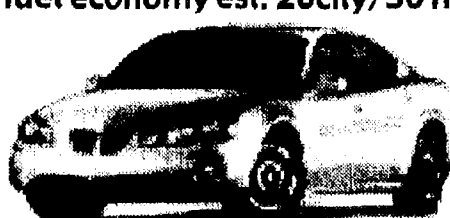
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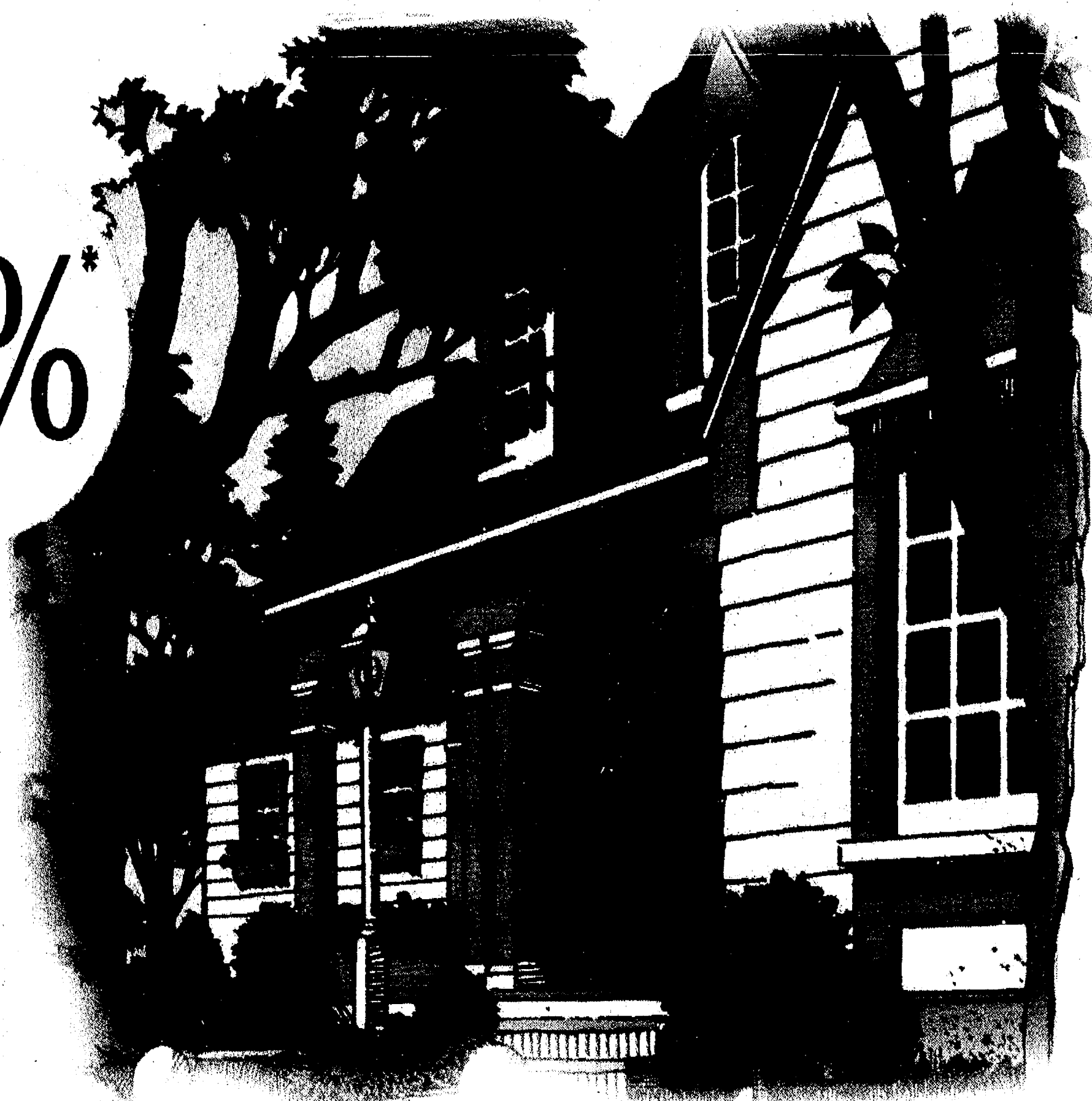
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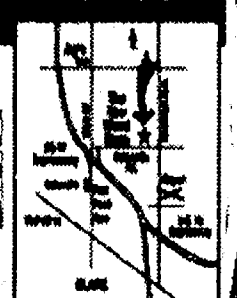
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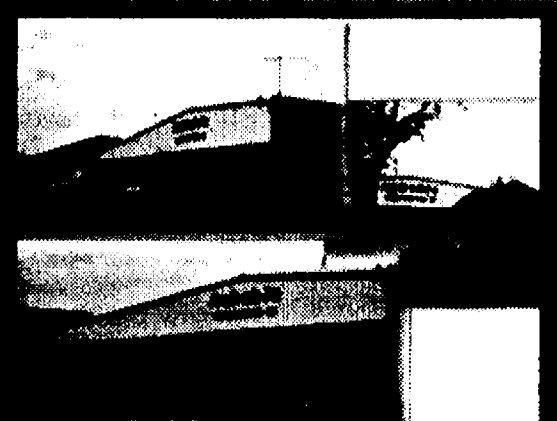
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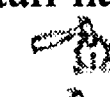


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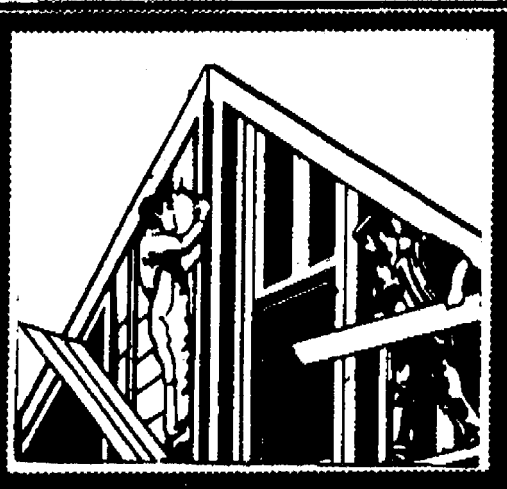
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Tips for Planning Your Back Yard Paradise

(NUI) — You don't need to spend a fortune on a backyard project. You don't even need to be a master carpenter. In fact, with a small investment, you can be a do-it-yourselfer and dramatically impact the appearance of your back yard — and add to its long-term value.

To finish a project as large as adding a new backyard deck or as modest as window box planters, Lou "Mr. Fix-It" Manfredini, a professional builder and author of the new book "House Smarts," suggests concentrating on just one project at a time.

"Crossing just one item off your to-do list gives you an attractive, equity-increasing accompaniment to your home,"

Manfredini said.

No matter whether the budget is less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, wood projects add enjoyment and value to any back yard paradise.

"Wood is a building material that always looks more expensive than it costs," Manfredini said. "It is also very easy to work with and can adapt to any project plans."

Back yard improvements using wood also are appealing to potential homebuyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, buyers of existing homes always look for special touches in the back yard.

Start with a project that is both uncomplicated and inexpensive

but will add immediate curbside appeal. Manfredini recommends building a window box planter. You can use it to grow everything from tulips to your own personal herb garden, and it can add instant warmth to your back yard. They are so easy to build that even a beginner should be able to construct a box in one to two hours, and for around \$15.

"Window box planters are a great starter project because it let's you gain confidence in your wood working skills," Manfredini said. "You can also add decorations to the window box to make it more elegant. Additionally, the only tools you really need are a circular saw, drill, tape measure and screws."

Once you build confidence in your woodworking skills, it's time to move on to more advanced projects. There are a variety of projects that could be completed for under \$200.

One project that Manfredini recommends is a wood garden bench. There are many different wood options that you can consider to match the decor of your back yard, including cedar, redwood or even some of the newer treated woods.

Or, by investing a little more time and money, you can frame out projects that add space and storage to your back yard. An outdoor storage shed will cost around \$2,000 in lumber and other supplies. It makes an efficient area to store the lawnmower, garden tools and seasonal items.

If you own a deck, also consider a deck box.

"A deck box is a great storage addition to any back yard deck," Manfredini said. "From sporting equipment to pool toys to barbeque tools, a deck box is both functional and beautiful."

To help you embark on your next home improvement project, Manfredini has posted free plans for the window box planter, garden bench and deck box at www.beconstructive.com.

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- Set thermostat between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, and reduce by another 5 degrees while sleeping. A programmable thermostat can help you achieve energy savings without sacrificing much comfort by programming temperature changes to occur while you're sleeping or out of the house – no more running across icy-cold floors to get to the thermostat when you get up in the morning.
- Lower water heater temperatures to 120 degrees, thus providing hot water while lowering the risk of scalding. Operate washing machine on cold water settings unless load is heavily soiled.
- Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms and insulate ducts and pipes where they travel through unheated spaces.
- Keep sunlight out in the hot months and let it in during winter months by using drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens.
- Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended levels of insulation.
- Consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert in your wood burning fireplace. This can save on the cost of purchasing wood and reduce air pollution from burning the wood as well.
- Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double-paned glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to



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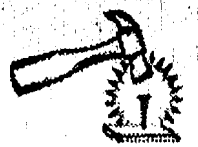
- Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and dryers are fully loaded before running.

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## Interior Decorating is Looking Up as Homeowners Look to the Ceiling as a Room's 'Fifth Wall'

(HIT) — More and more of today's homeowners are looking at tile and plank ceilings as a decorative interior finish for a variety of rooms, including family rooms, living rooms, kitchens, bedrooms and more. So states Ann Miller, director of design for residential ceilings at Armstrong, the country's largest manufacturer of these types of ceilings.

Miller states that one of the reasons for this trend is that homeowners are realizing that a room is more than just four walls and a floor. "The ceiling used to be the most neglected surface in a room," she says. "The floor and wall surfaces got all the attention. Homeowners would install a ceiling and then forget about it."

"For years, homeowners installed tile and plank ceilings mainly as a means of hiding a

stained, deteriorated or otherwise problem ceiling," she continues. "Now, those same homeowners are starting to think of the ceiling as a room's fifth wall and realizing that they can obtain a great deal of architectural detail in it at an affordable cost. As a result, they're looking at the ceiling with a whole new eye."

### Tile Ceilings

She says another reason for this trend is a move by manufacturers to respond to homeowners' aesthetic needs and offer

ceilings that have more design appeal. "New and exciting designs are available, especially in tile and plank ceilings. There are a variety of textures, designs and patterns to choose from, regardless of your decor or budget."

As an example, Miller points to an Armstrong line of 12" x 12" ceiling tiles called Tin Look. These sculpted tiles feature the artistry, charm and classic beauty of turn-of-the-century metal  
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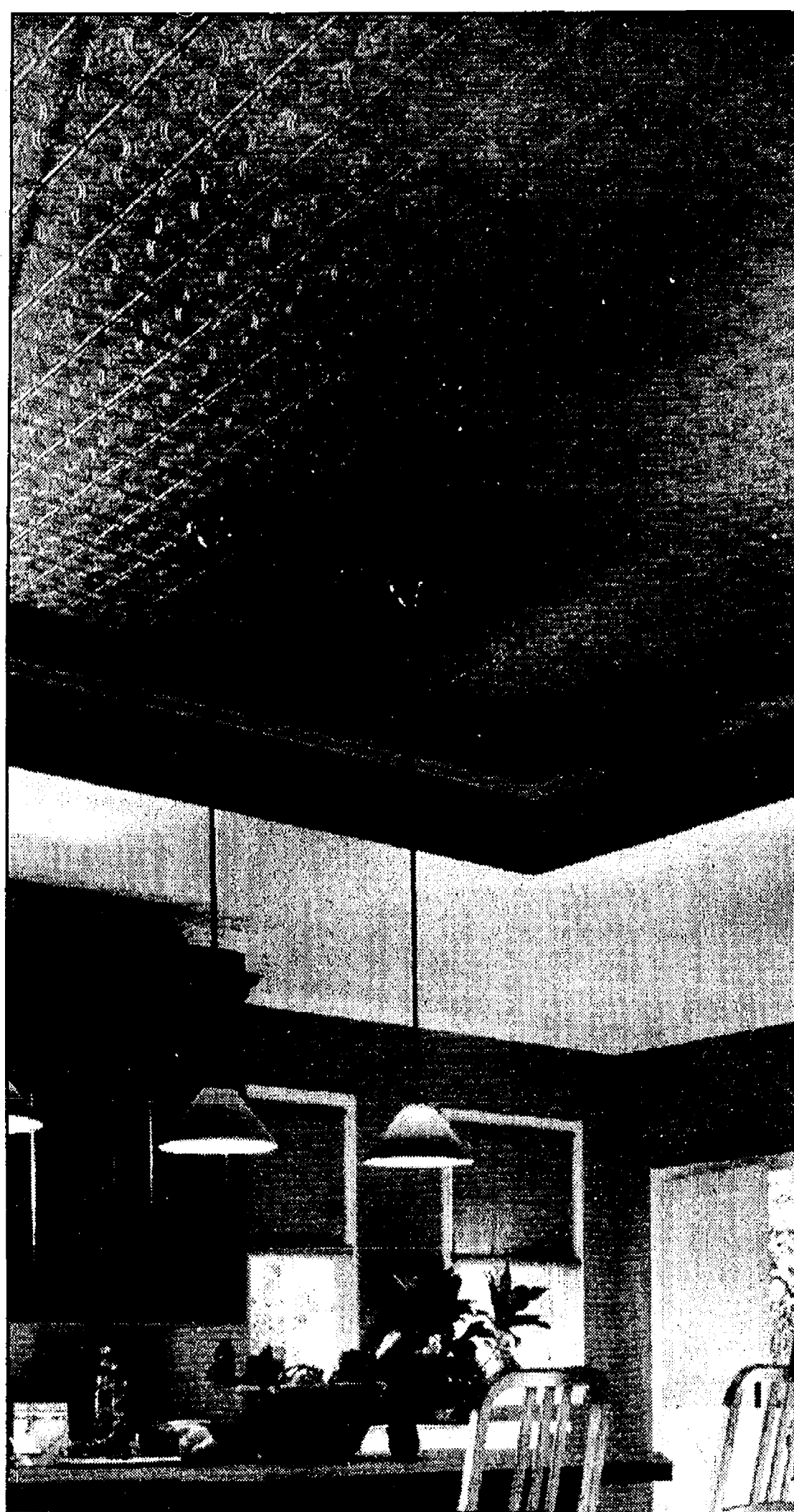


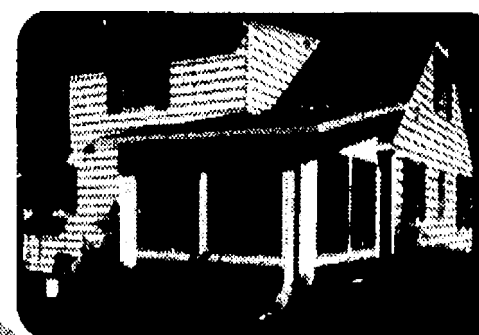
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Ceiling tiles are popular because they have no visible grid system. These Tin Look ceiling tiles from Armstrong have been painted copper to add the look of a stamped metal ceiling to this kitchen.



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# Interior Decorating is Looking Up as Homeowners Look to the Ceiling as a Room's 'Fifth Wall'

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ceilings, but at a fraction of the cost. Patterns in the line range from lightly embossed patterns to bold geometrics to classic fans.

Tin Look ceiling tiles can be painted to match any color in a room's decorating scheme. They can also be painted copper, silver, pewter, bronze, gold or any other shade to mimic nearly any metallic finish. The patina that develops on tin ceilings as a result of age can even be duplicated.

## Plank Ceilings

The latest plank ceilings feature a wide range of contemporary and traditional wood finish-

es. Armstrong's WoodHaven laminate ceilings planks, for example, feature knotty pines, cherries, maple, beech, and traditional white finishes in a tongue-and-grooved plank with end matched detailing.

Measuring 6" x 78" in size, the planks not only provide homeowners with the rich, warm look of wood, but also the carefree maintenance and tough, long-lasting durability that results from the planks' pre-finished laminate surface, all at an affordable price.

"Tile and plank ceilings have no visible grid system. As a result, they are a popular choice anywhere in the house," Miller

adds. "In addition to their visual appeal, tile and plank ceilings are also quicker, cleaner and easier to install than a drywall ceiling.

"The end result," she concludes, "is that more and more homeowners are now looking at ceilings from a decorative point of view these days as well as a functional one. And, in doing so, they're discovering that tile and plank ceilings can deliver both eye-appealing aesthetics and problem-solving performance."

To obtain additional information on tile and plank ceilings, visit [www.armstrong.com](http://www.armstrong.com), or call 1-800-233-3823 and request free literature as well as the name of the nearest dealer.

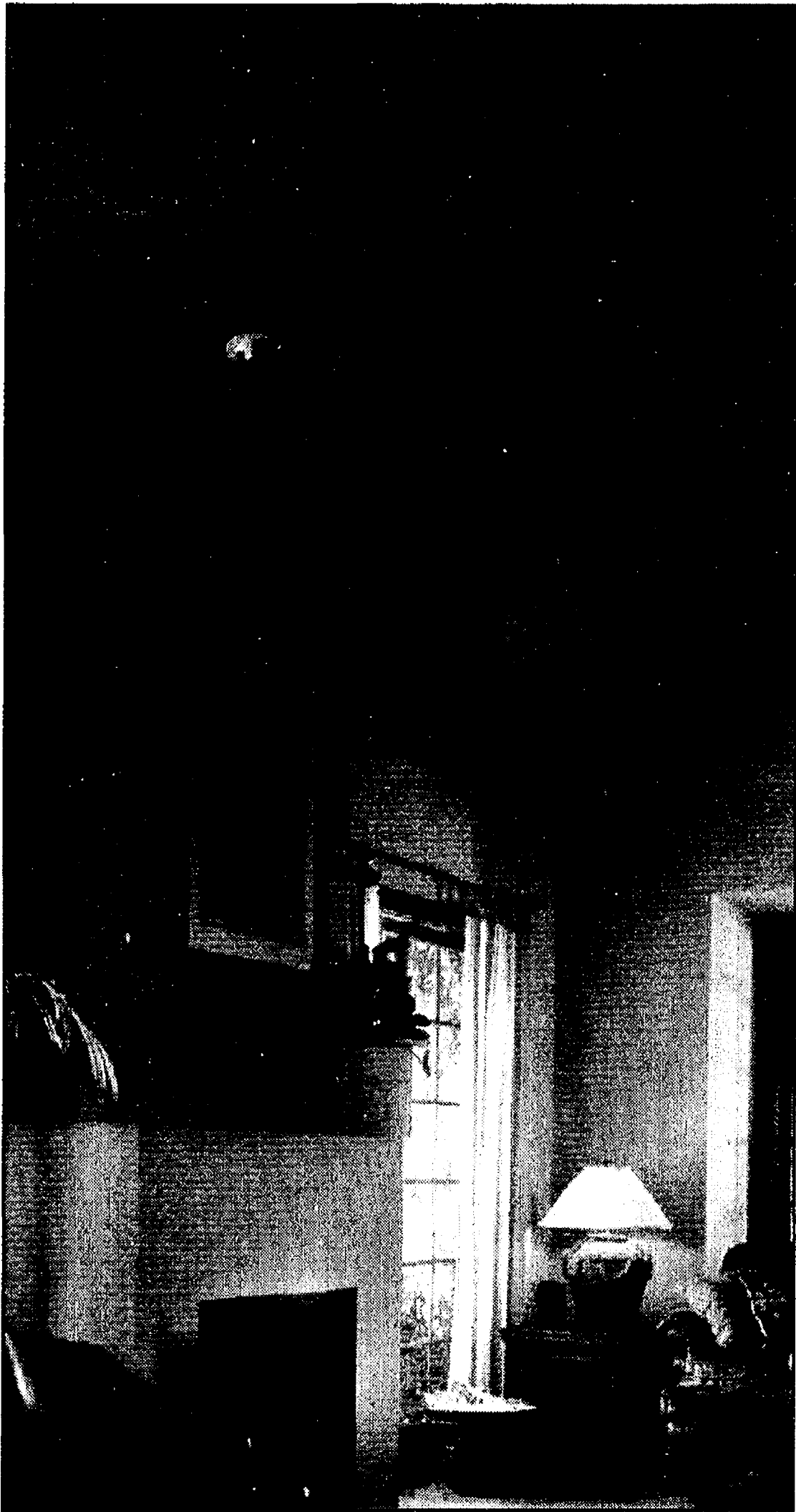


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Laminate ceiling planks add the rich, warm look of wood to any room in the house. These WoodHaven planks from Armstrong are offered in eight natural pre-finished wood-grain colors.

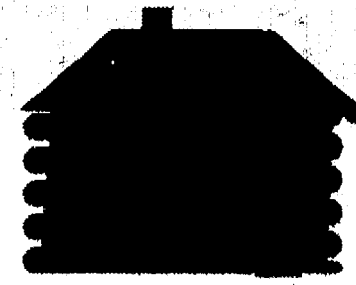
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These nature-inspired tips will help you turn your home into a stress-free haven.

- Bring the outside in. Flowers, plants and wood induce the feeling of being close to nature. Mix tall and short plants to create a balanced and natural look. Combine terra cotta and glazed planters with metal plant stands to add variety, texture and height. Choose colorful flowers that appeal to your sense of smell and accent your decor.

- Increase the amount of natural sunlight in your home. Scientific reports show that natural light can yield tremendous psychological and physiological benefits. While win-

dows and skylights are commonly used to let sun into the home, replacing solid doors with French-style ones can provide the same effect.

For example, Jeld-Wen's Aurora Simulated Divided Lite doors come in a variety of configurations, allowing you to choose how much light you want to let into your home. The doors replicate the beauty, texture and weight of real wood, but are engineered to resist the effects of water and inclement weather.

- Decorate with natural accents. Flooring and window shades made of natural materials such as wood or bamboo

can add balance and comfort to your home. Natural stone or faux stone ceramic tiles accented with area rugs in muted, natural colors also will give your home an earthy feel. Look for green, brown and rustic hues in fabrics, prints, rugs and accessories.

- Incorporate sounds of nature. This can be accomplished with an indoor water fountain or by simply playing recordings of your favorite nature sounds.

For more information on special windows and doors to help bring the outside into your home, visit the Jeld-Wen Web site at [www.jeld-wen.com](http://www.jeld-wen.com).



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# Brick is Back: Clay Pavers Make a Comeback in City Streets and Back Yards Across America

(HIT) — The material our country was built on is coming back in style in a big way. Communities are restoring and creating brickscares for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic in an effort to replace concrete jungles with a surface that exudes warmth and just keeps looking better as it ages. Brick paver use has increased 30% in recent years — from 170 million units in 2000 to 240 million in 2002.

Historical areas like Boston's Beacon Hill have maintained their brick sidewalks for more than 200 years. Other communities, like Pittsburgh's West Chester Borough, are emphasizing their history by creating new brick-paved districts. But not all the cities choosing brick are doing it for historical authenticity. Large metropolitan areas are also choosing the material for areas with a distinctly urban feel. In Houston, for example, 19 blocks along the new state-of-the-art light rail corridor downtown was paved with brick. According to Guy Hagstette, Director of Planning & Development of the Houston Downtown Management District, "While other segmental paving products we have used are very durable, the aesthetics just don't hold up over time. The main benefit to clay pavers is their rich color and their resistance to fading and staining. Main Street is a special place, and we knew we wanted clay pavers."

The clay paver revolution is not just for these large-scale projects, though. Homeowners across America are increasingly using the product to bring the same rich look to their own backyards. They are discovering that the product made from the earth is the most natural choice for all their paving needs. Do-it-yourselfers find that laying clay pavers makes a great weekend project and saves them labor costs, as well.

"Trends in home improvement indicate that outdoor spaces, such as patios and enclosed courtyards, continue to be just as important to curb appeal and market value as the gourmet kitchen and luxury bathroom," notes Ted Corvey, Paver Director for Pine Hall Brick. "Smart Money" magazine estimates that landscaping and hardscaping can increase home

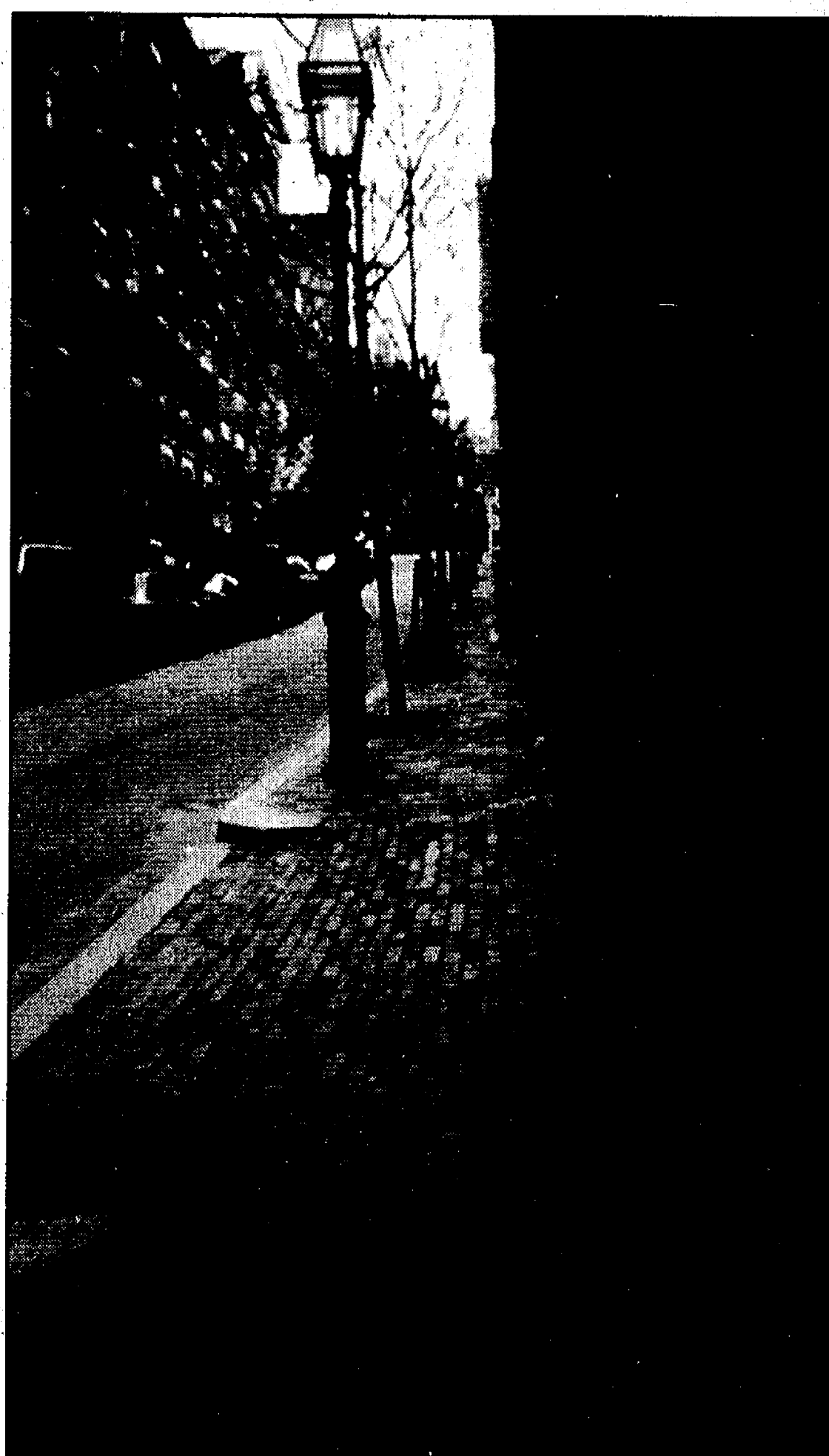


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These brick sidewalks in Boston's historic Beacon Hill district exemplify the long-lasting, "old world" beauty that you can recreate with new genuine clay pavers.

values by as much as 15%, while the National Association of Realtors found that outdoor rooms can deliver 77% return on investment at sale time — and they're less expensive per square foot than additions or kitchen or bath remodels.

While genuine clay pavers make the perfect "floor" for these outdoor living spaces, they are strong enough for a driveway and can even be continued into the garage for a unique upgrade to a space where design and beauty is often forgotten. Many people are surprised to learn that clay pavers are actually stronger than most other paving materials with strengths reaching up to 36,000 pounds per square inch (psi).

Visit the Brick Industry Association's new genuine clay paver website at

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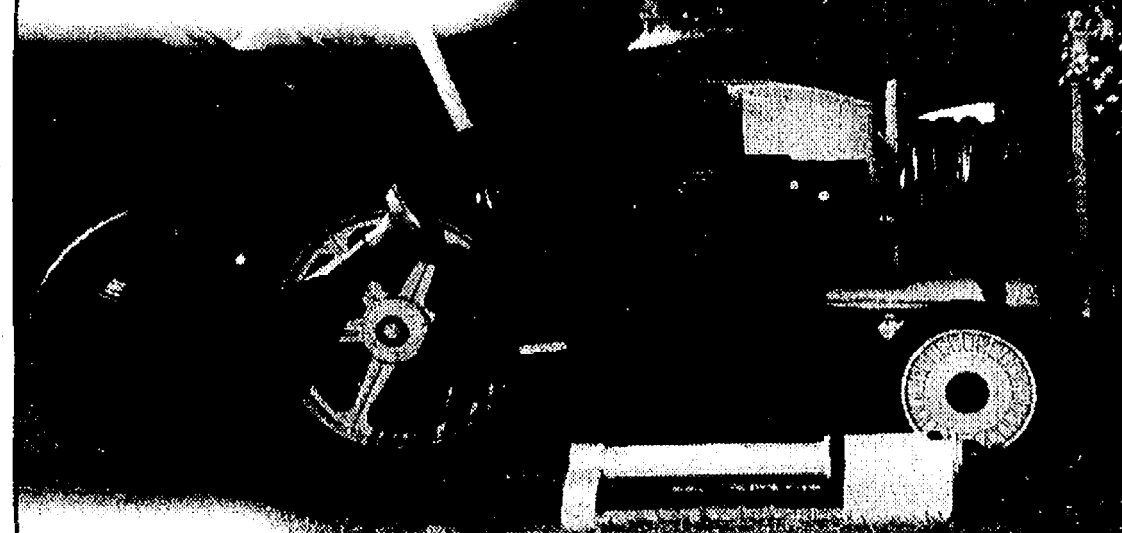


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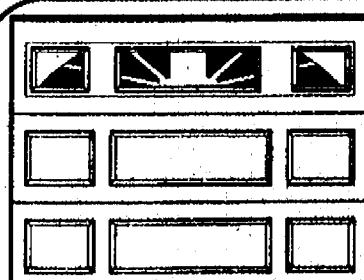
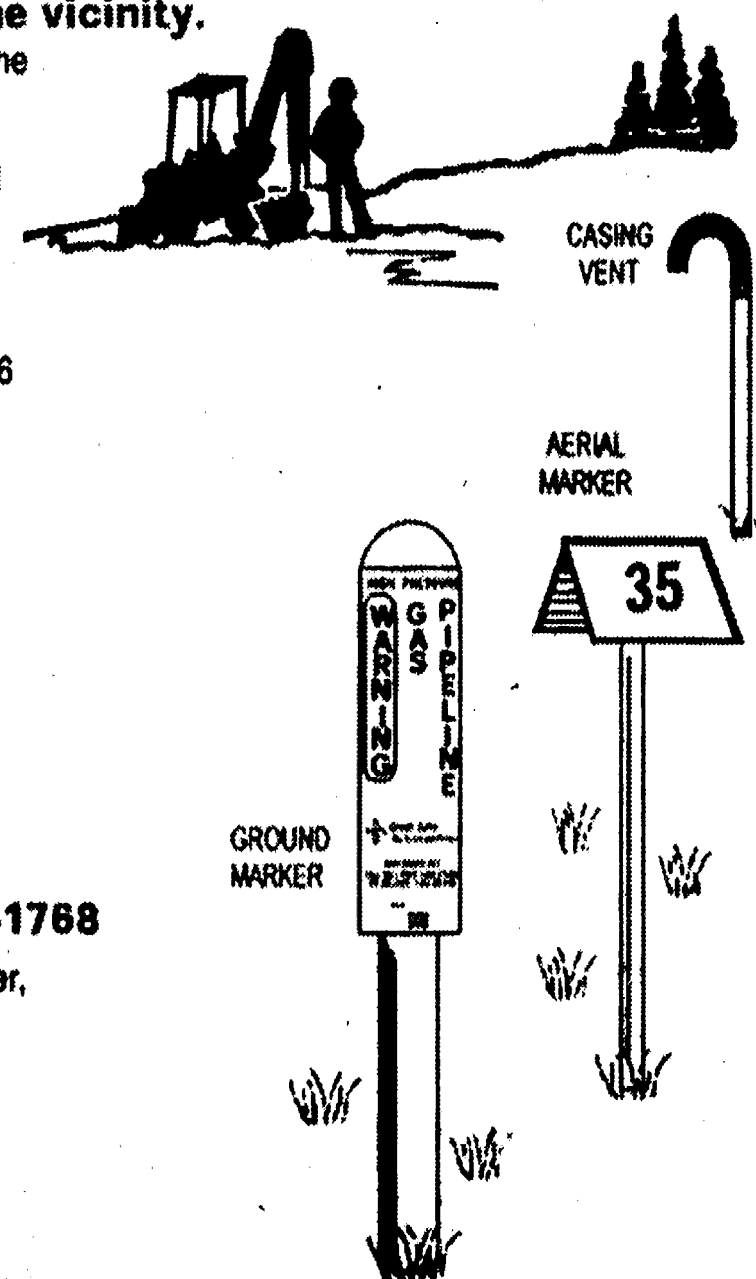
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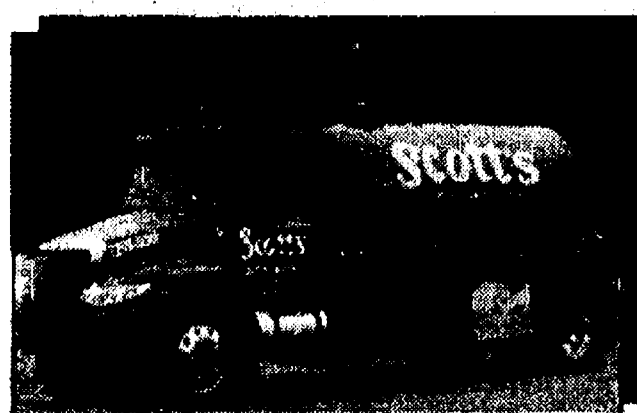
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# Brush Up on Window Safety Basics as Summer Approaches

by Ron Pellegrino

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It's not surprising that after a cold winter, getting a chance to open up the windows and let some fresh air into your home is a long awaited pleasure. As spring approaches, keep in mind that in addition to letting in a refreshing breeze, windows also play an essential role in home safety.

Your windows can serve as secondary escape routes from your home and are invaluable in case, of emergency; every member of your family should know how to take advantage of a window exit during a fire. However, it is equally as important for homeowners to understand that open windows can be hazardous, especially to young children, and to be familiar with the important steps you can take to prevent accidental falls.

In honor of National Window Safety Week, April 24-30, 2005, take some time to access the condition of your home's windows and test your family's awareness of their importance in terms of overall home safety. The tips below can help ensure that your windows provide a trouble-free route for your family in an emergency whole remaining safe for youngsters in your home.

Windows provide one of the fastest, easiest alternatives to escape a house fire. Sit down with your family to design an emergency escape plan-and practice it. always be sure that there is at least one window in each sleeping and living area that is available as an alternate escape route during a home emergency.

Make sure that your windows open and close easily. when performing spring repairs, be careful not to accidentally paint or nail your windows shut, making

emergency escape impossible. do not install window unit air conditioners where they could block or impede escape during an emergency/

While security bars, grilles and window grates keep intruders out, they also can lock you in. Make sure they have a simple and functioning release mechanism, so that you can escape a fire.

If you have young children in your home and are thinking about installing window fall prevention devices or guards, make sure the product has a release mechanism so that it can be opened for escape in a fire emergency. Consult your local fire department or building code official to determine proper window guard placement.

When children are present, make sure that windows are closed and locked. Set and enforce rules to keep your children from playing around windows or patio doors, and keep furniture, along with any other objects that children may climb, away from windows.

Don't depend on window screens to prevent falls. Insect screens are designed to provide ventilation while keeping pests and debris out-not to keep youngsters in.

Plant shrubs and other soft landscaping underneath windows to lessen the impact in case of a fall.

For more information about National Safety Week and additional window safety tips, visit the National Safety Council web site at [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org).

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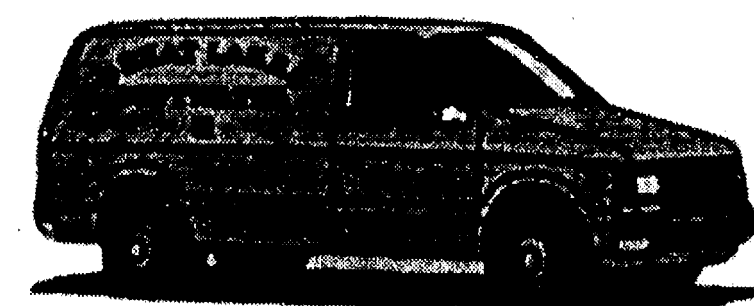
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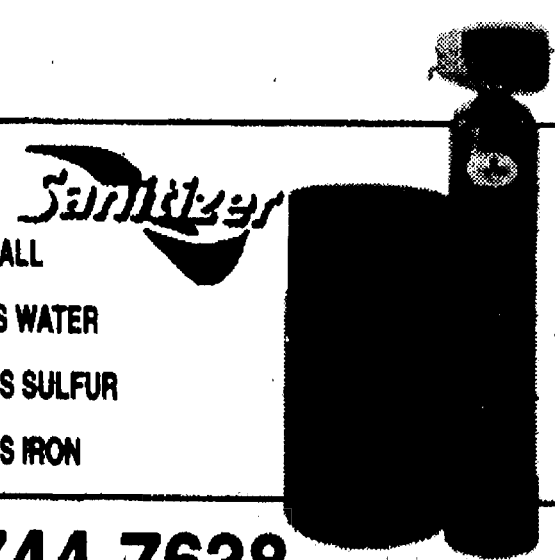
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The exterior of a house might look flawless, but if mold is able to grow inside the ceilings and walls, a homeowner could face costly repairs.

# Tips on Controlling Mold in Your Home

(NUI) – The growth of mold in your home not only can promote health-related problems, but it also can require expensive home repairs.

Mold can damage your furnishings, cabinets and even the structural elements in your home. Some homeowners who discover mold in their homes find that the only way to remedy the problem is to remove and replace the walls and ceilings where the growth was found.

Mold can grow when its food sources – such as building materials, furniture, wallpaper and fabrics – are exposed to high levels of moisture.

The National Concrete Masonry Association suggests taking the following precautionary steps to avoid mold growth.

- Look for visible signs of moisture and eliminate the source.

- Regularly maintain roofs, walls and openings. Replace caulking and repaint as needed.

- Keep the maximum relative humidity levels in your home at about 40 percent during the heating season and below 60 percent during the cooling season, as recommended by the National Association of Home Builders.

- Install bath and kitchen fans and vent fans to the outside of your home.

- Seal all outlets, sill plates and through-wall penetrations, including doors and windows, to minimize uncontrolled air infiltration.

- Regularly inspect and clean the condensation drain line for central air-conditioning units.

- Inspect the roof, windows and siding after storms to identify missing shingles, damaged flashing and visible water leaks.

Materials that are lighter in weight, which are used in many new homes, provide more food sources for mold. Alternatively, walls built with concrete masonry will not decay or rot when exposed to moisture or mold.

When infected by mold, wood and drywall most likely will require complete removal; concrete masonry can be cleaned.

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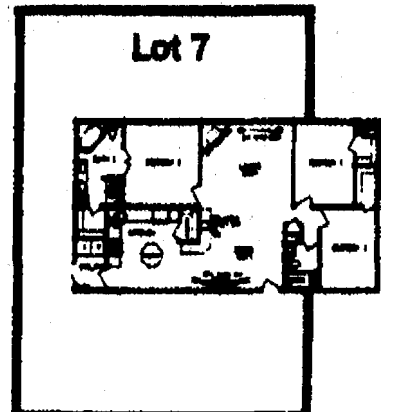
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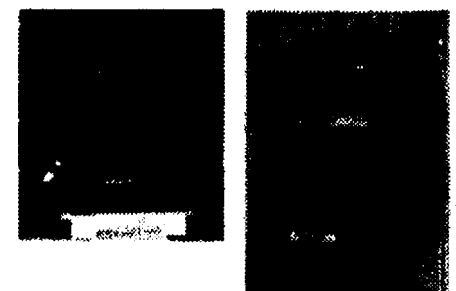


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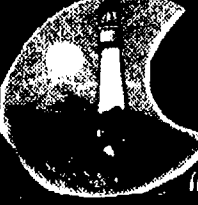
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Outdoor lighting can increase the value of investments homeowners make in their landscaping.

## Improve the Curb Appeal of Your Home with Outdoor Lighting

(ARA) – Every year, as spring arrives, homeowners busy themselves with an array of home improvement projects. Beautiful trees, gardens and landscaping are once again a source of enjoyment and home beautification. But according to the lighting experts of Nite Time Decor, a little outdoor lighting can increase the value of the investments these homeowners make in their landscaping.

"Outdoor lighting is an easy and cost effective way to make a dramatic improvement to your home's landscape," says Curtis Hogan, president of Nite Time Decor. "Not only can you enjoy the landscaping after dark, but the lighting itself creates an elegant, unique atmosphere."

Outdoor lighting not only adds warmth and beauty, but also valuable curb appeal. According to the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, landscaping can increase the value of a home by 15 percent, and can

allow homeowners to recoup 100 to 200 percent of their investment.

"Landscaping is one of the first things people notice, so there's no reason to let some of the most beautiful features of your home and yard be shrouded in darkness half of the time," says Hogan. "In fact, this first impression is so important that some realtors estimate that 95 percent of house shoppers will not even consider a house that lacks curb appeal."

Nite Time Decor professionals are outdoor lighting experts with the experience and know-how to use various lighting techniques to create a beautiful night environment. Hogan is offering these tips to homeowners, helping them improve upon their normal landscaping activities:

Uplight to create depth. A light on the ground, pointed up towards an object is perfect for showcasing a beautiful tree, sculpture or an architectural feature like a gazebo or arbor. Setting an uplight behind an object emphasizes that object's silhouette, while setting an uplight in front will cast an interesting shadow on the yard behind it. This not only highlights the object, but also creates a layered look, extending the yard.

"We all look forward to spending time outdoors during the spring," says Hogan. "Think about the extended enjoyment you will get by lighting the landscape."

Downlight for safety, security and aesthetics. Another tech-

nique is downlighting, or moonlighting, where lights are mounted high above eye level. When light comes from above, the effect looks natural. Mounting lights high in trees or on walls will cause light to shine down through tree branches, creating a unique, layered look. Illuminate a flowerbed by mounting a downlight closer to the ground on a tree trunk, fence or wall.

"Downlighting is also an effective way to illuminate spots where someone might stumble or dark areas that may look inviting to an intruder," says Hogan. "And the elegance of the soft light will add a look all its own."

Add a third layer of lighting with path lights. Small, low voltage lamps create a third layer of lighting in your yard, and also can be used to effectively line a path to help you and your guests safely navigate through your yard at night. Placing lights under railings, benches and stairs can help eliminate accidents and increase the usability of decks, porches and patios.

"Landscape lighting is less expensive than painting or remodeling, but can deliver powerful and dramatic results at a fraction of the cost," says Hogan. "The right outdoor lighting bathes your home and yard in a warm glow and enhances your home's charm and adds curb appeal all year long. What better way to increase the value of your home?"

For more information about installing outdoor lighting, visit [www.nitetimedecor.com](http://www.nitetimedecor.com).

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# Fusion of Traditional, Modern Materials and 'Hiving' Drive Kitchen Remodeling Trends

by Ron Pellegrino  
Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

A perennial hot spot in the remodeling market, the coming year should bring some new twists in the kitchen, according to remodelers participating in an industry trends panel discussion at the 2005 International Builders' Show.

How owners are also looking for remodeling opportunities to create more versatility and privacy in their living space. Home owners continue to open up kitchen space, the remodelers said, and they have become more receptive to the use of new materials and color blends and they no longer swear the details of the cabinet construction and appliances.

With kitchen remodeling becoming increasingly popular in recent years and veering toward mass production, the industry professionals said that home owners are now looking for originality and are embracing such creative products as faucets and fixtures with unique shapes, concrete counters in favorite colors or patterns and glass-tile and solid wood countertops.

Remodelers in the Northeast are seeing a blend of traditional materials with urban accents creating a modern vernacular. "For one project, we used painted white raised panel doors for

kitchen cabinets and mahogany on the flooring as well as the casings for the windows and doors for an elegant look," said Paul Sullivan, CGR, CAPS of the Sullivan Co., in Newton Heights, Mass.

"Also, adjacent to the kitchen we installed mahogany wainscot paneling to encompass the perimeter of the dining room," said Sullivan. "We then used a random color pattern of glass tiles as the backsplash and accented the cabinet doors with custom hand-blown glass hardware. This use of traditional style cabinetry and mahogany wood in conjunction with modern materials such as glass and stainless steel appliances gave this characteristically traditional kitchen an extraordinarily modern feel."

Home owners are also using limestone, slate and granite in their kitchens. For those seeking a sleek look, stainless steel countertops with built-in sinks and runoff boards are being designed to complement stainless appliances.

Cabinets rising to the ceiling are making a comeback, providing more storage space and a cleaner look, according to Michael Strong, CGR, CAPS of Brothers Strong in Houston.

Northwestern home owners like mixing two or three colors in the kitchen, especially on lower and upper cabinets. "Many home

owners are going for the 'energized' look where they mix techno-bright and metallic colors with calming earth tones," said Chuck Russell, CGR, CAPS of Westhill, Inc., in Woodinville, Wash.

**"Hiving" is the new buzz word**

In another big remodeling trend, home owners are moving out of the reclusive "cocooning" period following September 11 into a "hiving" phase in which they want their homes to match more active, on-the-go lifestyle.

People want rooms to be useful and to serve more than one purpose.

For example, they want a room where mom can do her crafting while dad watches television and the kids play on the computer. "While each family member wants to do their own thing, they still want to be in the same space," said Russell.

Interior glass doors and walls—including glass-paned French doors—are providing a sense of separation while still allowing family members to remain connected. "This allows people to have private spaces but allows for natural light to flow in and for people to see one another," said Russell.

For more information about trends, visit [www.nahb.org](http://www.nahb.org) or contact your local home builders association.

## Common Household Myths Debunked

(NUI) – Can talking on your cell phone at the gas station cause a fire? Can household bug bombs cause explosions? Do "heavy duty" batteries last longer?

These notions may sound familiar, but are they actually true? To find out, Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage from the Discovery Channel's hit show "MythBusters" span the globe putting these and other well-known urban legends to the test.

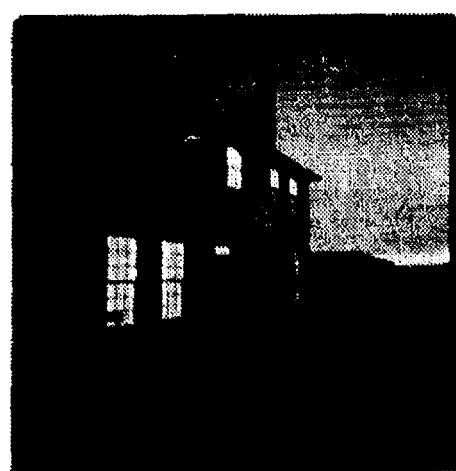
In their search for truth and logic, the MythBusters found that, contrary to recent reports, using your cell phone while pumping gas won't make a gas station explode. However, getting in and out of your car while filling the tank can build static electricity – and that can start a fire.

They also addressed the dilemma of "bug bombs." Many people try to solve bug problems by using common aerosol "bug bombs." In extreme attempts to get rid of pests, some people use

more than the recommended amount of bug spray. The problem is that when the spray is

used in a large quantity, your pilot light can ignite the spray  
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# How to Turn Your Bathroom Into a Personal Sanctuary

(NUI) – It is not uncommon to be overwhelmed by life's daily stresses, ranging from work anxieties and family demands to household obligations. A little relaxation and pampering is a necessary indulgence to maintain peace of mind, and creating a personal sanctuary within your own home is much easier than you may think.

Consider transforming your bathroom into a place that appeals to your mind, body and spirit, and offers a retreat from everyday pressures. Below are some tips to establish a personal home sanctuary to tempt your senses.

- Sound. To fully relax in your sanctuary, you will need to prevent household noises that can lead to stress. You can personalize your sanctuary setting with soothing music or natural

sounds, which are effective ways to tune out daily noise. For added privacy, consider replacing your bathroom door with an improved door to eliminate noise transmittal from the rest of the house.

- Sight. Colors are a powerful influence on energy, feelings and thoughts, so your color scheme is of the utmost importance. By understanding the effects of colors, you can decorate your sanctuary to evoke the mood you desire – blue emits peace; red energizes; orange promotes happiness; and yellow encourages positive thinking.

Through a little experimentation, find the color combination that is just right for you.

Additionally, overhead lighting can be harsh for your sanctuary. Soft natural light from a window, tinted light bulbs or

candles are preferable ways to create an intimate environment.

- Smell. Aromatherapy is widely used for soothing the soul and easing emotions. Place herbal sachets, a bowl of dried flowers, pleasantly scented candles and essential oils in your sanctuary for a therapeutic effect on the psyche. Many books on aromatherapy are available at your local library or bookstore; a little research can help you find the scent that most appeals to you.

Replicating a spa experience at home is simple. With the right tools, a room in your home can become your personal sanctuary where you can escape and relax. By taking the time to pamper yourself and soothe away daily stresses, you will notice a positive change in your appearance as well as your attitude.

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(NUI) – Your home is one of your greatest assets. It's important that you protect and improve on that asset to get the most value from your home.

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Try these ideas from the company that brings you Tempstar heating and cooling products:

- Plan your landscape for energy efficiency. One way to improve your home's appeal is to landscape around the home. With planning, it can also reduce your energy bills by shading the home during the summer and letting in light during the winter.

- Use energy efficient lighting. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, replacing 25 percent of lights in high-use areas can save nearly 50 percent on your lighting energy bill. Take advantage of the various energy efficient lighting products available, like fluorescent and solar-powered lights, to help save energy. Lighting inside and outside the home provides decoration as well as security.

- Upgrade your heating and

cooling system. A new heating and cooling system not only improves home comfort, but it also adds to the value of your home – especially when it's backed by a strong warranty.

- Update appliances. Update the look of your rooms, especially the kitchen, by replacing old appliances with more energy efficient products for a new look and lower energy costs. In the long run, new energy efficient appliances can pay for themselves in energy savings.

- Replace roofing, siding and windows. Spending money to replace worn roofing, siding and windows can be a good return on your investment because they can increase the value of your home. Energy efficient replacements will also help you cut your energy bills.

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# Retaining Walls Add Visual Appeal to Landscaping

(NUI) – Across the country, homeowners planning to landscape their yards are turning to segmental retaining walls as their product of choice.

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According to experts at the National Concrete Masonry Association, segmental retaining walls have always offered the best value per dollar when considering landscape product alternatives. The durability of concrete products provides added security not available with the timber products of the past. Segmental retaining wall units also are resistant to erosion and infestation by rodents or insects.

For more information about segmental retaining walls, visit [www.ncma.org](http://www.ncma.org).



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Segmental retaining walls provide form, function and aesthetic quality to landscape improvements.

## Common Household Myths Debunked

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and potentially cause an explosion.

There is good news for those who swallowed chewing gum as children, however. Hyneman and Savage confirm that gum doesn't stay in the stomach for seven years; it is digested in a few days at the most.

Finally, when it comes to powering products such as digital cameras or flashlights, Hyneman and Savage have news for you about the performance of "heavy duty" zinc batteries.

"Batteries labeled 'heavy duty' aren't so tough after all. Alkaline batteries actually last up to four times longer than cheaper batteries marked 'heavy duty' and 'super heavy duty,'" Savage said. "For example, using an alkaline battery in your digital camera will allow you take about 75 to 100 pictures, while a 'heavy duty' battery might only power a

handful."

"While the term 'heavy-duty' may seem longer lasting, it's actually not true at all," he said. "Alkaline batteries, like Duracell, will work harder and last longer, every time." That's another myth busted.

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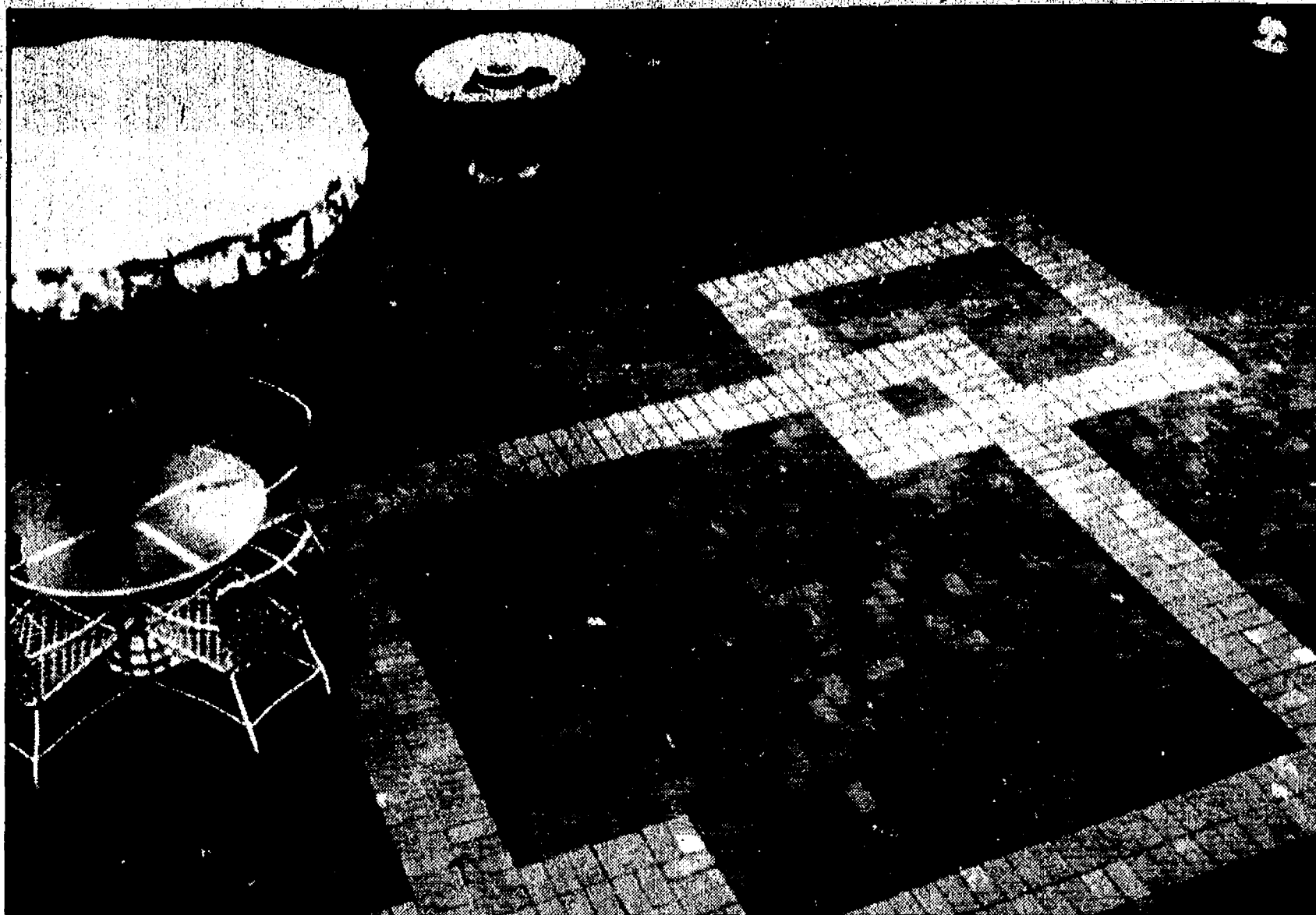


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Adding a brick patio can spruce up a back yard.

## Do-It-Yourself Patio Tips

(NUI) – Thinking of installing a brick patio? Here are some tips from Laura Schwind, a registered landscape architect for Pine Hall Brick, the largest supplier of clay pavers in the United States.

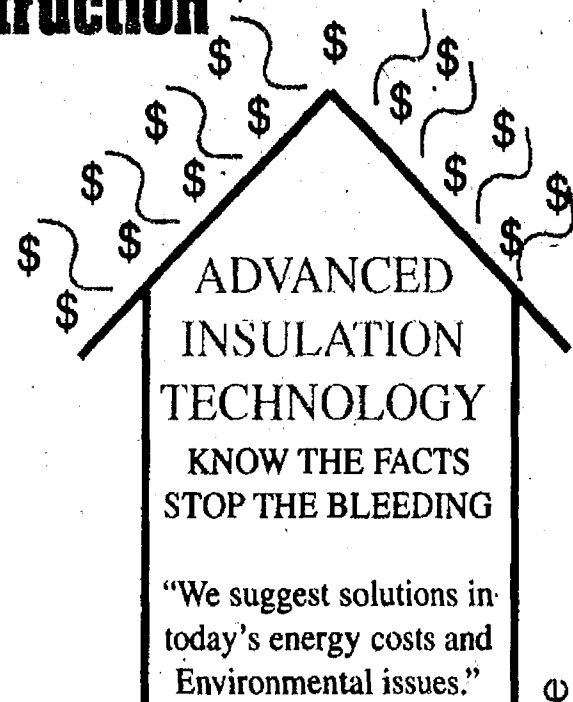
• Consider the size. Most people make their patios too small. The average patio is 150 square feet. To get an idea of the size and space, place furniture, a grill and your kids' toys in the proposed area and outline the area with a garden hose.

• Decide on the shape. Rectangular and linear patios are considered more formal. A curved patio allows you to bring planting beds into the space, adding interest by creating depth and dimension.

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